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NOVEL HUMAN PROTEIN KINASES AND PROTEIN KINASE-LIKE ENZYMES

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FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to kinase polypeptides, nucleotide sequences encoding the kinase polypeptides, as well as various products and methods useful for the diagnosis and 20 treatment of various kinase-related diseases and conditions.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The following description of the background of the invention is provided to aid in 25 understanding the invention, but is not admitted to be or to describe prior art to the invention.

Cellular signal transduction is a fundamental mechanism whereby external stimuli that regulate diverse cellular processes are relayed to the interior of cells. One of the key biochemical mechanisms of signal transduction involves the reversible phosphorylation of proteins, which enables regulation of the activity of mature proteins by altering their structure 30 and function.

Protein phosphorylation plays a pivotal role in cellular signal transduction. Among the biological functions controlled by this type of posttranslational modification are: cell division, differentiation and death (apoptosis); cell motility and cytoskeletal structure; control of DNA

replication, transcription, splicing and translation; protein translocation events from the endoplasmic reticulum and Golgi apparatus to the membrane and extracellular space; protein nuclear import and export; regulation of metabolic reactions, etc. Abnormal protein phosphorylation is widely recognized to be causally linked to the etiology of many diseases
5 including cancer as well as immunologic, neuronal and metabolic disorders.

The following abbreviations are used for kinases throughout this application:

	ASK Apoptosis signal-regulating kinase
	CaMK Ca ²⁺ /calmodulin-dependent protein kinase
	CCRK Cell cycle-related kinase
10	CDK Cyclin-dependent kinase
	CK Casein kinase
	DAPK Death-associated protein kinase
	DM myotonic dystrophy kinase
	Dyrk dual-specificity-tyrosine phosphorylating-regulated kinase
15	GAK Cyclin G-associated kinase
	GRK G-protein coupled receptor
	GuC Guanylate cyclase
	HIPK Homeodomain-interacting protein kinase
	IRAK Interleukin-1 receptor-associated kinase
20	MAPK Mitogen activated protein kinase
	MAST Microtubule-associated STK
	MLCK Myosin-light chain kinase
	MLK Mixed lineage kinase
	NIMA NimA-related protein kinase
25	PKA cAMP-dependent protein kinase
	RSK Ribosomal protein S6 kinase
	RTK Receptor tyrosine kinase
	SGK Serum and glucocorticoid-regulated kinase
	STK serine threonine kinase
30	ULK UNC-51-like kinase

The best-characterized protein kinases in eukaryotes phosphorylate proteins on the hydroxyl substituent of serine, threonine and tyrosine residues, which are the most common phospho-acceptor amino acid residues. However, phosphorylation on histidine has also been 5 observed in bacteria.

The presence of a phosphate moiety modulates protein function in multiple ways. A common mechanism includes changes in the catalytic properties (V_{max} and K_m) of an enzyme, leading to its activation or inactivation.

A second widely recognized mechanism involves promoting protein-protein interactions.

10 An example of this is the tyrosine autophosphorylation of the ligand-activated EGF receptor tyrosine kinase. This event triggers the high-affinity binding to the phosphotyrosine residue on the receptor's C-terminal intracellular domain to the SH2 motif of the adaptor molecule Grb2. Grb2, in turn, binds through its SH3 motif to a second adaptor molecule, such as SHC. The formation of this ternary complex activates the signaling events that are responsible for the 15 biological effects of EGF. Serine and threonine phosphorylation events also have been recently recognized to exert their biological function through protein-protein interaction events that are mediated by the high-affinity binding of phosphoserine and phosphothreonine to WW motifs present in a large variety of proteins (Lu, P.J. et al (1999) Science 283:1325-1328).

20 A third important outcome of protein phosphorylation is changes in the subcellular localization of the substrate. As an example, nuclear import and export events in a large diversity of proteins are regulated by protein phosphorylation (Drier E.A. et al (1999) Genes Dev 13: 556-568).

25 Protein kinases are one of the largest families of eukaryotic proteins with several hundred known members. These proteins share a 250-300 amino acid domain that can be subdivided into 12 distinct subdomains that comprise the common catalytic core structure. These conserved protein motifs have recently been exploited using PCR-based and bioinformatic strategies leading to a significant expansion of the known kinases. Multiple alignment of the sequences in the catalytic domain of protein kinases and subsequent parsimony analysis permits their segregation into sub-families of related kinases.

Kinases largely fall into two groups: those specific for phosphorylating serines and threonines, and those specific for phosphorylating tyrosines. Some kinases, referred to as "dual specificity" kinases, are able to phosphorylate on tyrosine as well as serine/threonine residues.

Protein kinases can also be characterized by their location within the cell. Some kinases 5 are transmembrane receptor-type proteins capable of directly altering their catalytic activity in response to the external environment such as the binding of a ligand. Others are non-receptor-type proteins lacking any transmembrane domain. They can be found in a variety of cellular compartments from the inner surface of the cell membrane to the nucleus.

Many kinases are involved in regulatory cascades wherein their substrates may include 10 other kinases whose activities are regulated by their phosphorylation state. Ultimately the activity of some downstream effector is modulated by phosphorylation resulting from activation of such a pathway. The conserved protein motifs of these kinases have recently been exploited using PCR-based cloning strategies leading to a significant expansion of the known kinases.

Multiple alignment of the sequences in the catalytic domain of protein kinases and 15 subsequent parsimony analysis permits the segregation of related kinases into distinct branches of subfamilies including: tyrosine kinases (PTK's), dual-specificity kinases, and serine/threonine kinases (STK's). The latter subfamily includes cyclic-nucleotide-dependent kinases, calcium/calmodulin kinases, cyclin-dependent kinases (CDK's), MAP-kinases, serine-threonine kinase receptors, and several other less defined subfamilies.

The protein kinases may be classified into several major groups including AGC, CAMK, 20 Casein kinase 1, CMGC, STE, tyrosine kinases, and atypical kinases (Plowman, GD *et al.*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, USA, Vol. 96, Issue 24, 13603-13610, November 23, 1999; see also www.kinase.com). In addition, there are a number of minor yet distinct families, including families related to worm- or fungal-specific kinases, and a family 25 designated "other" to represent several smaller families. Within each group are several distinct families of more closely related kinases. In addition, an "atypical" family represents those protein kinases whose catalytic domain has little or no primary sequence homology to conventional kinases, including the A6 kinases and PI3 kinases.

30 AGC group

The AGC kinases are basic amino acid-directed enzymes that phosphorylate residues found proximal to Arg and Lys. Examples of this group are the G protein-coupled receptor kinases (GRKs), the cyclic nucleotide-dependent kinases (PKA, PKC,PKG), NDR or DBF2 5 kinases, ribosomal S6 kinases, AKT kinases, myotonic dystrophy kinases (DMPKs), MAPK interacting kinases (MNKs), MAST kinases, and Mo3C11.1_ce family originally identified only in nematodes.

GRKs regulate signaling from heterotrimeric guanine protein coupled receptors (GPCRs). Mutations in GPCRs cause a number of human diseases, including retinitis pigmentosa, 10 stationary night blindness, color blindness , hyperfunctioning thyroid adenomas, familial precocious puberty , familial hypocalciuric hypercalcemia and neonatal severe hyperparathyroidism (OMIM, <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Omim/>). The regulation of GPCRs by GRKs indirectly implicates GRKs in these diseases.

The cAMP-dependent protein kinases (PKA) consist of heterotetramers comprised of 2 15 catalytic (C) and 2 regulatory (R) subunits, in which the R subunits bind to the second messenger cAMP, leading to dissociation of the active C subunits from the complex. Many of these kinases respond to second messengers such as cAMP resulting in a wide range of cellular responses to hormones and neurotransmitters.

AKT is a mammalian proto-oncoprotein regulated by phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase (PI3-K), which appears to function as a cell survival signal to protect cells from apoptosis. Insulin 20 receptor, RAS, PI3-K, and PDK1 all act as upstream activators of AKT, whereas the lipid phosphatase PTEN functions as a negative regulator of the PI3-K/AKT pathway. Downstream targets for AKT-mediated cell survival include the pro-apoptotic factors BAD and Caspase9, and transcription factors in the forkhead family, such as DAF-16 in the worm. AKT is also an 25 essential mediator in insulin signaling, in part due to its use of GSK-3 as another downstream target.

The S6 kinases regulate a wide array of cellular processes involved in mitogenic response including protein synthesis, translation of specific mRNA species, and cell cycle progression from G1 to S phase. The gene has been localized to chromosomal region 17q23 and is amplified 30 in breast cancer (Couch, *et al.*, Cancer Res. 1999 Apr 1;59(7):1408-11).

CAMK Group

The CAMK kinases are also basic amino acid-directed kinases. They include the

- 5 Ca₂₊/calmodulin-regulated and AMP-dependent protein kinases (AMPK), myosin light chain kinases (MLCK), MAP kinase activating protein kinases (MAPKAPKs) checkpoint 2 kinases (CHK2), death-associated protein kinases (DAPKs), phosphorylase kinase (PHK), Rac and Rho-binding Trio kinases, a "unique" family of CAMKs, and the EMK-related protein kinases.

The EMK family of STKs are involved in the control of cell polarity, microtubule

- 10 stability and cancer. One member of the EMK family, C-TAK1, has been reported to control entry into mitosis by activating Cdc25C which in turn dephosphorylates Cdc2. Also included in the EMK family is MAKV, which has been shown to be overexpressed in metastatic tumors (*Dokl. Akad. Nauk* 354 (4), 554-556 (1997)).

15 CMGC Group

The CMGC kinases are "proline-directed" enzymes phosphorylating residues that exist in a proline-rich context. They include the cyclin-dependent kinases (CDKs), mitogen-activated protein kinases (MAPKs), GSK3s, RCKs, and CLKs. Most CMGC kinases have larger-than-average kinase domains owing to the presence of insertions within subdomains X and XI.

- 20 CDK's play a pivotal role in the regulation of mitosis during cell division. The process of cell division occurs in four stages: S phase, the period during which chromosomes duplicate, G2, mitosis and G1 or interphase. During mitosis the duplicated chromosomes are evenly segregated allowing each daughter cell to receive a complete copy of the genome. A key mitotic regulator 25 in all eukaryotic cells is the STK cdc2, a CDK regulated by cyclin B. However some CDK-like kinases, such as CDK5 are not cyclin associated nor are they cell cycle regulated.

- MAPKs play a pivotal role in many cellular signaling pathways, including stress response and mitogenesis (Lewis, T. S., Shapiro, P. S., and Ahn, N. G. (1998) *Adv. Cancer Res.* 74, 49-139). MAP kinases can be activated by growth factors such as EGF, and cytokines such as TNF-alpha. In response to EGF, Ras becomes activated and recruits Raf1 to the membrane where

Raf1 is activated by mechanisms that may involve phosphorylation and conformational changes (Morrison, D. K., and Cutler, R. E. (1997) *Curr. Opin. Cell Biol.* 9, 174-179). Active Raf1 phosphorylates MEK1 which in turn phosphorylates and activates the ERKs.

5 Tyrosine Protein Kinase Group

- The tyrosine kinase group encompass both cytoplasmic (e.g. *src*) as well as transmembrane receptor tyrosine kinases (e.g. EGF receptor). These kinases play a pivotal role in the signal transduction processes that mediate cell proliferation, differentiation and apoptosis.
- 10 One of the sequences, 17000030181412, is related to the human RET kinase. Mutations of the RET gene, encoding a receptor tyrosine kinase, have been associated with the inherited cancer syndromes MEN 2A and MEN 2B. They have also further been associated with both familial and sporadic medullary thyroid carcinomas. The kinase activity can be aberrantly activated by missense mutations affecting cysteine residues within the extracellular domain, leading to potent
- 15 oncogenicity (*Oncogene* 1999 Aug 26;18(34):4833-8).

STE Group

- The STE family refers to the 3 classes of protein kinases that lie sequentially upstream of the MAPKs. This group includes STE7 (MEK or MAPKK) kinases, STE11 (MEKK or MAPKKK) kinases and STE20 (MEKKK) kinases. In humans, several protein kinase families that bear only distant homology with the STE11 family also operate at the level of MAPKKKs including RAF, MLK, TAK1, and COT. Since crosstalk takes place between protein kinases functioning at different levels of the MAPK cascade, the large number of STE family kinases could translate into an enormous potential for upstream signal specificity.

- 25 The prototype STE20 from baker's yeast is regulated by a hormone receptor, signaling to directly affect cell cycle progression through modulation of CDK activity. It also coordinately regulates changes in the cytoskeleton and in transcriptional programs in a bifurcating pathway. In a similar way, the homologous kinases in humans are likely to play a role in extracellular regulation of growth, cell adhesion and migration, and changes in transcriptional programs, all

three of which have critical roles in tumorigenesis. Mammalian STE20-related protein kinases have been implicated in response to growth factors or cytokines, oxidative-, UV-, or irradiation-related stress pathways, inflammatory signals (*e.g.* TNF α), apoptotic stimuli (*e.g.* Fas), T and B cell costimulation, the control of cytoskeletal architecture, and cellular transformation.

- 5 Typically the STE20-related kinases serve as upstream regulators of MAPK cascades. Examples include: HPK1, a protein-serine/threonine kinase (STK) that possesses a STE20-like kinase domain that activates a protein kinase pathway leading to the stress-activated protein kinase SAPK/JNK; PAK1, an STK with an upstream CDC42-binding domain that interacts with Rac and plays a role in cellular transformation through the Ras-MAPK pathway; and murine NIK,
10 which interacts with upstream receptor tyrosine kinases and connects with downstream STE11-family kinases.

NEK kinases are related to NIMA, which is required for entry into mitosis in the filamentous fungus *A. nidulans*. Mutations in the nimA gene cause the nim (never in mitosis) G2 arrest phenotype in this fungus (Fry, A.M. and Nigg, E.A. (1995) *Current Biology* 5: 1122-1125). Several observations suggest that higher eukaryotes may have a NIMA functional counterpart(s): (1) expression of a dominant-negative form of NIMA in HeLa cells causes a G2 arrest; (2) overexpression of NIMA causes chromatin condensation, not only in *A. nidulans*, but also in yeast, *Xenopus* oocytes and HeLa cells (Lu, K.P. and Hunter, T. (1995) *Prog. Cell Cycle Res.* 1, 187-205); (3) NIMA when expressed in mammalian cells interacts with pin1, a prolyl-prolyl isomerase that functions in cell cycle regulation (Lu, K.P. *et al.* (1996) *Nature* 380, 544-547); (4) okadaic acid inhibitor studies suggests the presence of cdc2-independent mechanism to induce mitosis (Ghosh, S. *et al.* (1998) *Exp. Cell Res.* 242, 1-9) and (5) a NIMA-like kinase (fin1) exists in another eukaryote besides *Aspergillus*, *Saccharomyces pombe* (Krien, M.J.E. *et al.* (1998) *J. Cell Sci.* 111, 967-976). Four mammalian NIMA-like kinases have been identified.
20 NEK1, NEK2, NEK3 and NRK2. Despite the similarity of the NIMA-related kinases to NIMA over the catalytic region, the mammalian kinases are structurally different to NIMA over the extracatalytic regions. In addition the mammalian kinases are unable to complement the nim phenotype in *Aspergillus* nimA mutants. These observations lead to the following three possibilities: 1) the mammalian NIMA homologue remains unidentified; 2) there is no NIMA homologue in higher eukaryotes; 3) the biological function of NIMA is carried out by multiple,
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related kinases in higher eukaryotes. The elucidation and biological characterization of additional mammalian NIMA- and NEK-related kinases should assist in elucidating this question.

Casein Kinase 1 Group

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The CK1 family represents a distant branch of the protein kinase family. The hallmarks of protein kinase subdomains VIII and IX are difficult to identify. One or more forms are ubiquitously distributed in mammalian tissues and cell lines. CK1 kinases are found in cytoplasm, in nuclei, membrane-bound, and associated with the cytoskeleton. Splice variants 10 differ in their subcellular distribution.

"Other" Group

Several families cluster within a group of unrelated kinases termed "Other". Included 15 are: CHK1; Elongation 2 factor kinases (EIFK); homologues of the yeast sterile family kinases (STE), which refers to 3 classes of kinases which lie sequentially upstream of the MAPKs; Calcium-calmodulin kinase kinases (CAMKK); dual-specific tyrosine kinases (DYRK); I_kB-kinases (IKK); Integrin receptor kinase (IRAK); endoribonuclease-associated kinases (IRE); Mixed lineage kinase (MLK); LIM-domain containing kinase (LIMK); MOS; PIM; Receptor 20 interacting kinase (RIP); SR-protein specific kinase (SRPK); RAF; Serine-threonine kinase receptors (STKR); TAK1; Testis specific kinase (TSK); tousled-related kinase (TSL); UNC51-related kinase (UNC); VRK; WEE; mitotic kinases (BUB1, AURORA, PLK, and NIMA/NEK); several families that are close homologues to worm (C26C2.1, YQ09, ZC581.9, YFL033c, C24A1.3); Drosophila (SLOB), or yeast (YDOD_sp, YGR262_sc) kinases; and others that are 25 "unique," that is, those which do not cluster into any obvious family. Additional families are even less well defined and first were identified in lower eukaryotes such as yeast or worms (YNL020, YPL236, YQ09, YWY3, SCY1, C01H6.9, C26C2.1)

RIP2 is a serine-threonine kinase associated with the tumor necrosis factor (TNF) receptor complex and is implicated in the activation of NF-kappa B and cell death in mammalian 30 cells. It has recently been demonstrated that RIP2 activates the MAPK pathway (Navas, *et al.*, *J*

Biol. Chem. 1999 Nov 19;274(47):33684-33690). RIP2 activates AP-1 and serum response element regulated expression by inducing the activation of the Elk1 transcription factor. RIP2 directly phosphorylates and activates ERK2 *in vivo* and *in vitro*. RIP2 in turn is activated through its interaction with Ras-activated Raf1. These results highlight the integrated nature of kinase 5 signaling pathway.

The tousled (TSL) kinase was first identified in the plant *Arabidopsis thaliana*. TSL encodes a serine/threonine kinase that is essential for proper flower development. Human tousled-like kinases (Tlks) are cell-cycle-regulated enzymes, displaying maximal activities during S phase. This regulated activity suggests that Tlk function is linked to ongoing DNA 10 replication (Sillje, *et al.*, *EMBO J* 1999 Oct 15;18(20):5691-5702).

Atypical Protein Kinase Group

There are several proteins with protein kinase activity that appear structurally unrelated to 15 the eukaryotic protein kinases. These include; *Dictyostelium* myosin heavy chain kinase A (MHCKA), *Physarum polycephalum* actin-fragmin kinase, the human A6 PTK, human BCR, mitochondrial pyruvate dehydrogenase and branched chain fatty acid dehydrogenase kinase, and the prokaryotic "histidine" protein kinase family. The slime mold, worm, and human eEF-2 20 kinase homologues have all been demonstrated to have protein kinase activity, yet they bear little resemblance to conventional protein kinases except for the presence of a putative GxGxxG ATP-binding motif.

The so-called histidine kinases are abundant in prokaryotes, with more than 20 representatives in *E. coli*, and have also been identified in yeast, molds, and plants. In response to external stimuli, these kinases act as part of two-component systems to regulate DNA 25 replication, cell division, and differentiation through phosphorylation of an aspartate in the target protein. To date, no "histidine" kinases have been identified in metazoans, although mitochondrial pyruvate dehydrogenase (PDK) and branched chain alpha-ketoacid dehydrogenase kinase (BCKD kinase), are related in sequence. PDK and BCKD kinase represent a unique family of atypical protein kinases involved in regulation of glycolysis, the citric acid cycle, and 30 protein synthesis during protein malnutrition. Structurally they conserve only the C-terminal

portion of "histidine" kinases including the G box regions. BCKD kinase phosphorylates the E1a subunit of the BCKD complex on Ser-293, proving it to be a functional protein kinase. Although no bona fide "histidine" kinase has yet been identified in humans, they do contain PDK.

Several other proteins contain protein kinase-like homology including: receptor guanylyl cyclases, diacylglycerol kinases, choline/ethanolamine kinases, and YLK1-related antibiotic resistance kinases. Each of these families contain short motifs that were recognized by our profile searches with low scoring E-values, but *a priori* would not be expected to function as protein kinases. Instead, the similarity could simply reflect the modular nature of protein evolution and the primal role of ATP binding in diverse phosphotransfer enzymes. However, two recent papers on a bacterial homologue of the YLK1 family suggests that the aminoglycoside phosphotransferases (APHs) are structurally and functionally related to protein kinases. There are over 40 APHs identified from bacteria that are resistant to aminoglycosides such as kanamycin, gentamycin, or amikacin. The crystal structure of one well characterized APH reveals that it shares greater than 40% structural identity with the 2 lobed structure of the catalytic domain of cAMP-dependent protein kinase (PKA), including an N-terminal lobe composed of a 5-stranded antiparallel beta sheet and the core of the C-terminal lobe including several invariant segments found in all protein kinases. APHs lack the GxGxxG normally present in the loop between beta strands 1 and 2 but contain 7 of the 12 strictly conserved residues present in most protein kinases, including the HGDxxxN signature sequence in kinase subdomain VIB. Furthermore, APH also has been shown to exhibit protein-serine/threonine kinase activity, suggesting that other YLK-related molecules may indeed be functional protein kinases.

The eukaryotic lipid kinases (PI3Ks, PI4Ks, and PIPKs) also contain several short motifs similar to protein kinases, but otherwise share minimal primary sequence similarity. However, once again structural analysis of PIPKII-beta defines a conserved ATP-binding core that is strikingly similar to conventional protein kinases. Three residues are conserved among all of these enzymes including (relative to the PKA sequence) Lys-72 which binds the gamma-phosphate of ATP, Asp-166 which is part of the HRDLK motif and Asp-184 from the conserved Mg⁺⁺ or Mn⁺⁺ binding DFG motif. The worm genome contains 12 phosphatidylinositol kinases, including 3 PI3-kinases, 2 PI4-kinases, 3 PIP5-kinases, and 4 PI3-kinase-related kinases. The

latter group has 4 mammalian members (DNA-PK, FRAP/TOR, ATM, and ATR), which have been shown to participate in the maintenance of genomic integrity in response to DNA damage, and exhibit true protein kinase activity, raising the possibility that other PI-kinases may also act as protein kinases. Regardless of whether they have true protein kinase activity, PI3-kinases are
5 tightly linked to protein kinase signaling, as evidenced by their involvement downstream of many growth factor receptors and as upstream activators of the cell survival response mediated by the AKT protein kinase.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates, in part, to human protein kinases and protein kinase-like enzymes identified from genomic sequencing.

- 5 Tyrosine and serine/threonine kinases (PTK's and STK's) have been identified and their protein sequence predicted as part of the instant invention. Mammalian members of these families were identified through the use of a bioinformatics strategy. The partial or complete sequences of these kinases are presented here, together with their classification, predicted or deduced protein structure.
- 10 One aspect of the invention features an identified, isolated, enriched, or purified nucleic acid molecule encoding a kinase polypeptide having an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of those set forth in SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO: 64, SEQ ID NO: 65, SEQ ID NO: 66, SEQ ID NO: 67, SEQ ID NO: 68, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:71, SEQ ID NO:72, SEQ ID NO:73, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:78, SEQ ID NO:79, SEQ ID NO:80, SEQ ID NO:81, SEQ ID NO:82, SEQ ID NO:83, SEQ ID NO:84, SEQ ID NO:85, SEQ ID NO:86, SEQ ID NO:87, SEQ ID NO:88, SEQ ID NO:89, SEQ ID NO:90, SEQ ID NO:91, SEQ ID NO:92, SEQ ID NO:93, SEQ ID NO:94, SEQ ID NO:95, SEQ ID NO:96, SEQ ID NO:97, SEQ ID NO:98, SEQ ID NO:99, SEQ ID NO:100, SEQ ID NO:101, SEQ ID NO:102, SEQ ID NO:103, SEQ ID NO:104, SEQ ID NO:105, SEQ ID NO:106, SEQ ID NO:107, SEQ ID NO:108, SEQ ID NO:109, SEQ ID NO:110, SEQ ID NO:111, SEQ ID NO:112, SEQ ID NO:113, and SEQ ID NO:114.

20 The term "identified" in reference to a nucleic acid is meant that a sequence was selected from a genomic, EST, or cDNA sequence database based on it being predicted to encode a portion of a previously unknown or novel protein kinase.

25 By "isolated," in reference to nucleic acid, is meant a polymer of 10 (preferably 21, more preferably 39, most preferably 75) or more nucleotides conjugated to each other, including DNA and RNA that is isolated from a natural source or that is synthesized as the sense or complementary antisense strand. In certain embodiments of the invention, longer nucleic acids are preferred, for example those of 300, 600, 900, 1200, 1500, or more nucleotides and/or those having at least 50%, 60%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95% or 99% identity to a sequence selected

from the group consisting of those set forth in SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:11, SEQ ID NO:12, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:17, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:19, SEQ ID NO:20, SEQ ID NO:21,
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The isolated nucleic acid of the present invention is unique in the sense that it is not found in a pure or separated state in nature. Use of the term "isolated" indicates that a naturally occurring sequence has been removed from its normal cellular (*i.e.*, chromosomal) environment.
15 Thus, the sequence may be in a cell-free solution or placed in a different cellular environment. The term does not imply that the sequence is the only nucleotide chain present, but that it is essentially free (about 90 - 95% pure at least) of non-nucleotide material naturally associated with it, and thus is distinguished from isolated chromosomes.

By the use of the term "enriched" in reference to nucleic acid is meant that the specific
20 DNA or RNA sequence constitutes a significantly higher fraction (2- to 5-fold) of the total DNA or RNA present in the cells or solution of interest than in normal or diseased cells or in the cells from which the sequence was taken. This could be caused by a person by preferential reduction in the amount of other DNA or RNA present, or by a preferential increase in the amount of the specific DNA or RNA sequence, or by a combination of the two. However, it should be noted
25 that enriched does not imply that there are no other DNA or RNA sequences present, just that the relative amount of the sequence of interest has been significantly increased. The term "significant" is used to indicate that the level of increase is useful to the person making such an increase, and generally means an increase relative to other nucleic acids of about at least 2-fold, more preferably at least 5- to 10-fold or even more. The term also does not imply that there is no
30 DNA or RNA from other sources. The DNA from other sources may, for example, comprise

DNA from a yeast or bacterial genome, or a cloning vector such as pUC19. This term distinguishes from naturally occurring events, such as viral infection, or tumor-type growths, in which the level of one mRNA may be naturally increased relative to other species of mRNA. That is, the term is meant to cover only those situations in which a person has intervened to 5 elevate the proportion of the desired nucleic acid.

It is also advantageous for some purposes that a nucleotide sequence be in purified form. The term "purified" in reference to nucleic acid does not require absolute purity (such as a homogeneous preparation). Instead, it represents an indication that the sequence is relatively more pure than in the natural environment (compared to the natural level this level should be at 10 least 2- to 5-fold greater, e.g., in terms of mg/mL). Individual clones isolated from a cDNA library may be purified to electrophoretic homogeneity. The claimed DNA molecules obtained from these clones could be obtained directly from total DNA or from total RNA. The cDNA clones are not naturally occurring, but rather are preferably obtained via manipulation of a partially purified naturally occurring substance (messenger RNA). The construction of a cDNA 15 library from mRNA involves the creation of a synthetic substance (cDNA) and pure individual cDNA clones can be isolated from the synthetic library by clonal selection of the cells carrying the cDNA library. Thus, the process which includes the construction of a cDNA library from mRNA and isolation of distinct cDNA clones yields an approximately 10⁶-fold purification of the native message. Thus, purification of at least one order of magnitude, preferably two or three 20 orders, and more preferably four or five orders of magnitude is expressly contemplated.

By a "kinase polypeptide" is meant 32 (preferably 40, more preferably 45, most preferably 55) or more contiguous amino acids in a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of those set forth in SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO: 64, SEQ ID NO: 65, SEQ 25 ID NO: 66, SEQ ID NO: 67, SEQ ID NO: 68, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:71, SEQ ID NO:72, SEQ ID NO:73, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:78, SEQ ID NO:79, SEQ ID NO:80, SEQ ID NO:81, SEQ ID NO:82, SEQ ID NO:83, SEQ ID NO:84, SEQ ID NO:85, SEQ ID NO:86, SEQ ID NO:87, SEQ ID NO:88, SEQ ID NO:89, SEQ ID NO:90, SEQ ID NO:91, SEQ ID NO:92, SEQ ID NO:93, SEQ ID 30 NO:94, SEQ ID NO:95, SEQ ID NO:96, SEQ ID NO:97, SEQ ID NO:98, SEQ ID NO:99, SEQ

ID NO:100, SEQ ID NO:101, SEQ ID NO:102, SEQ ID NO:103, SEQ ID NO:104, SEQ ID NO:105, SEQ ID NO:106, SEQ ID NO:107, SEQ ID NO:108, SEQ ID NO:109, SEQ ID NO:110, SEQ ID NO:111, SEQ ID NO:112, SEQ ID NO:113, and SEQ ID NO:114. In certain aspects, polypeptides of 100, 200, 300, 400, 450, 500, 550, 600, 700, 800, 900 or more amino acids are preferred. The kinase polypeptide can be encoded by a full-length nucleic acid sequence or any portion (e.g., a "fragment" as defined herein) of the full-length nucleic acid sequence, so long as a functional activity of the polypeptide is retained, including, for example, a catalytic domain, as defined herein, or a portion thereof. One of skill in the art would be able to select those catalytic domains, or portions thereof, which exhibit a kinase or kinase-like activity, e.g., catalytic activity, as defined herein. It is well known in the art that due to the degeneracy of the genetic code numerous different nucleic acid sequences can code for the same amino acid sequence. Equally, it is also well known in the art that conservative changes in amino acid can be made to arrive at a protein or polypeptide which retains the functionality of the original. Such substitutions may include the replacement of an amino acid by a residue having similar physicochemical properties, such as substituting one aliphatic residue (Ile, Val, Leu or Ala) for another, or substitution between basic residues Lys and Arg, acidic residues Glu and Asp, amide residues Gln and Asn, hydroxyl residues Ser and Tyr, or aromatic residues Phe and Tyr. Further information regarding making amino acid exchanges which have only slight, if any, effects on the overall protein can be found in Bowie *et al.*, *Science*, 1990, 247, 1306-1310, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety including any figures, tables, or drawings. In all cases, all permutations are intended to be covered by this disclosure.

The amino acid sequence of a kinase peptide of the invention will be substantially similar to a sequence having an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of those set forth in SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO: 64, SEQ ID NO: 65, SEQ ID NO: 66, SEQ ID NO: 67, SEQ ID NO: 68, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:71, SEQ ID NO:72, SEQ ID NO:73, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:78, SEQ ID NO:79, SEQ ID NO:80, SEQ ID NO:81, SEQ ID NO:82, SEQ ID NO:83, SEQ ID NO:84, SEQ ID NO:85, SEQ ID NO:86, SEQ ID NO:87, SEQ ID NO:88, SEQ ID NO:89, SEQ ID NO:90, SEQ ID NO:91, SEQ ID NO:92, SEQ ID NO:93, SEQ ID NO:94, SEQ ID NO:95, SEQ ID NO:96, SEQ

5 ID NO:97, SEQ ID NO:98, SEQ ID NO:99, SEQ ID NO:100, SEQ ID NO:101, SEQ ID
NO:102, SEQ ID NO:103, SEQ ID NO:104, SEQ ID NO:105, SEQ ID NO:106, SEQ ID
NO:107, SEQ ID NO:108, SEQ ID NO:109, SEQ ID NO:110, SEQ ID NO:111, SEQ ID
NO:112, SEQ ID NO:113, and SEQ ID NO:114, or the corresponding full-length amino acid
sequence, or fragments thereof.

10 A sequence that is substantially similar to a sequence selected from the group consisting
of those set forth in SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID
NO:62, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO: 64, SEQ ID NO: 65, SEQ ID NO: 66, SEQ ID NO: 67,
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NO:73, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:78, SEQ
ID NO:79, SEQ ID NO:80, SEQ ID NO:81, SEQ ID NO:82, SEQ ID NO:83, SEQ ID NO:84,
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ID NO:96, SEQ ID NO:97, SEQ ID NO:98, SEQ ID NO:99, SEQ ID NO:100, SEQ ID NO:101,
15 SEQ ID NO:102, SEQ ID NO:103, SEQ ID NO:104, SEQ ID NO:105, SEQ ID NO:106, SEQ
ID NO:107, SEQ ID NO:108, SEQ ID NO:109, SEQ ID NO:110, SEQ ID NO:111, SEQ ID
NO:112, SEQ ID NO:113, and SEQ ID NO:114, will preferably have at least 90% identity (more
preferably at least 95% and most preferably 99-100%) to the sequence.

20 By "identity" is meant a property of sequences that measures their similarity or
relationship. Identity is measured by dividing the number of identical residues by the total
number of residues and gaps and multiplying the product by 100. "Gaps" are spaces in an
alignment that are the result of additions or deletions of amino acids. Thus, two copies of
exactly the same sequence have 100% identity, but sequences that are less highly conserved, and
have deletions, additions, or replacements, may have a lower degree of identity. Those skilled in
25 the art will recognize that several computer programs are available for determining sequence
identity using standard parameters, for example Gapped BLAST or PSI-BLAST (Altschul, *et al.*
(1997) *Nucleic Acids Res.* 25:3389-3402), BLAST (Altschul, *et al.* (1990) *J. Mol. Biol.* 215:403-
410), and Smith-Waterman (Smith, *et al.* (1981) *J. Mol. Biol.* 147:195-197). Preferably, the
default settings of these programs will be employed, but those skilled in the art recognize
30 whether these settings need to be changed and know how to make the changes.

"Similarity" is measured by dividing the number of identical residues plus the number of conservatively substituted residues (see Bowie, *et al. Science*, 1999), 247, 1306-1310, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety, including any drawings, figures, or tables) by the total number of residues and gaps and multiplying the product by 100.

- 5 In preferred embodiments, the invention features isolated, enriched, or purified nucleic acid molecules encoding a kinase polypeptide comprising a nucleotide sequence that: (a) encodes a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of those set forth in SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO: 64, SEQ ID NO: 65, SEQ ID NO: 66, SEQ ID NO: 67, SEQ ID NO: 68,
- 10 SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:71, SEQ ID NO:72, SEQ ID NO:73, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:78, SEQ ID NO:79, SEQ ID NO:80, SEQ ID NO:81, SEQ ID NO:82, SEQ ID NO:83, SEQ ID NO:84, SEQ ID NO:85, SEQ ID NO:86, SEQ ID NO:87, SEQ ID NO:88, SEQ ID NO:89, SEQ ID NO:90, SEQ ID NO:91, SEQ ID NO:92, SEQ ID NO:93, SEQ ID NO:94, SEQ ID NO:95, SEQ ID NO:96, SEQ
- 15 ID NO:97, SEQ ID NO:98, SEQ ID NO:99, SEQ ID NO:100, SEQ ID NO:101, SEQ ID NO:102, SEQ ID NO:103, SEQ ID NO:104, SEQ ID NO:105, SEQ ID NO:106, SEQ ID NO:107, SEQ ID NO:108, SEQ ID NO:109, SEQ ID NO:110, SEQ ID NO:111, SEQ ID NO:112, SEQ ID NO:113, and SEQ ID NO:114; (b) is the complement of the nucleotide sequence of (a); (c) hybridizes under highly stringent conditions to the nucleotide molecule of (a)
- 20 and encodes a naturally occurring kinase polypeptide; (d) encodes a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of those set forth in SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO: 64, SEQ ID NO: 65, SEQ ID NO: 66, SEQ ID NO: 67, SEQ ID NO: 68, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:71, SEQ ID NO:72, SEQ ID NO:73, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:75,
- 25 SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:78, SEQ ID NO:79, SEQ ID NO:80, SEQ ID NO:81, SEQ ID NO:82, SEQ ID NO:83, SEQ ID NO:84, SEQ ID NO:85, SEQ ID NO:86, SEQ ID NO:87, SEQ ID NO:88, SEQ ID NO:89, SEQ ID NO:90, SEQ ID NO:91, SEQ ID NO:92, SEQ ID NO:93, SEQ ID NO:94, SEQ ID NO:95, SEQ ID NO:96, SEQ ID NO:97, SEQ ID NO:98, SEQ ID NO:99, SEQ ID NO:100, SEQ ID NO:101, SEQ ID NO:102, SEQ ID NO:103,
- 30 SEQ ID NO:104, SEQ ID NO:105, SEQ ID NO:106, SEQ ID NO:107, SEQ ID NO:108, SEQ

ID NO:109, SEQ ID NO:110, SEQ ID NO:111, SEQ ID NO:112, SEQ ID NO:113, and SEQ ID NO:114, except that it lacks one or more, but not all, of the domains selected from the group consisting of an N-terminal domain, a catalytic domain, a C-terminal catalytic domain, a C-terminal domain, a coiled-coil structure region, a proline-rich region, a spacer region, and a C-terminal tail; and (e) is the complement of the nucleotide sequence of (d).

The term "complement" refers to two nucleotides that can form multiple favorable interactions with one another. For example, adenine is complementary to thymine as they can form two hydrogen bonds. Similarly, guanine and cytosine are complementary since they can form three hydrogen bonds. A nucleotide sequence is the complement of another nucleotide sequence if all of the nucleotides of the first sequence are complementary to all of the nucleotides of the second sequence.

Various low or high stringency hybridization conditions may be used depending upon the specificity and selectivity desired. These conditions are well known to those skilled in the art. Under stringent hybridization conditions only highly complementary nucleic acid sequences hybridize. Preferably, such conditions prevent hybridization of nucleic acids having more than 1 or 2 mismatches out of 20 contiguous nucleotides, more preferably, such conditions prevent hybridization of nucleic acids having more than 1 or 2 mismatches out of 50 contiguous nucleotides, most preferably, such conditions prevent hybridization of nucleic acids having more than 1 or 2 mismatches out of 100 contiguous nucleotides. In some instances, the conditions may prevent hybridization of nucleic acids having more than 5 mismatches in the full-length sequence.

By stringent hybridization assay conditions is meant hybridization assay conditions at least as stringent as the following: hybridization in 50% formamide, 5X SSC, 50 mM NaH₂PO₄, pH 6.8, 0.5% SDS, 0.1 mg/mL sonicated salmon sperm DNA, and 5X Denhardt's solution at 42 °C overnight; washing with 2X SSC, 0.1% SDS at 45 °C; and washing with 0.2X SSC, 0.1% SDS at 45 °C. Under some of the most stringent hybridization assay conditions, the second wash can be done with 0.1X SSC at a temperature up to 70 °C (Berger *et al.* (1987) Guide to Molecular Cloning Techniques pg 421, hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety including any figures, tables, or drawings.). However, other applications may require the use of conditions falling between these sets of conditions. Methods of determining the conditions

required to achieve desired hybridizations are well known to those with ordinary skill in the art, and are based on several factors, including but not limited to, the sequences to be hybridized and the samples to be tested. Washing conditions of lower stringency frequently utilize a lower temperature during the washing steps, such as 65 °C, 60 °C, 55 °C, 50 °C, or 42 °C.

5 The term "domain" refers to a region of a polypeptide which serves a particular function. For instance, N-terminal or C-terminal domains of signal transduction proteins can serve functions including, but not limited to, binding molecules that localize the signal transduction molecule to different regions of the cell or binding other signaling molecules directly responsible for propagating a particular cellular signal. Some domains can be expressed separately from the
10 rest of the protein and function by themselves, while others must remain part of the intact protein to retain function. The latter are termed functional regions of proteins and also relate to domains.

The term "N-terminal domain" refers to the extracatalytic region located between the initiator methionine and the catalytic domain of the protein kinase. The N-terminal domain can be identified following a Smith-Waterman alignment of the protein sequence against the non-redundant protein database to define the N-terminal boundary of the catalytic domain.
15 Depending on its length, the N-terminal domain may or may not play a regulatory role in kinase function. An example of a protein kinase whose N-terminal domain has been shown to play a regulatory role is PAK65, which contains a CRIB motif used for Cdc42 and rac binding (Burbelo, P.D. *et al.* (1995) *J. Biol. Chem.* 270, 29071-29074).

20 The term "catalytic domain" refers to a region of the protein kinase that is typically 25-300 amino acids long and is responsible for carrying out the phosphate transfer reaction from a high-energy phosphate donor molecule such as ATP or GTP to itself (autophosphorylation) or to other proteins (exogenous phosphorylation). The catalytic domain of protein kinases is made up of 12 subdomains that contain highly conserved amino acid residues, and are responsible for
25 proper polypeptide folding and for catalysis. The catalytic domain can be identified following a Smith-Waterman alignment of the protein sequence against the non-redundant protein database.

The term "catalytic activity", as used herein, defines the rate at which a kinase catalytic domain phosphorylates a substrate. Catalytic activity can be measured, for example, by determining the amount of a substrate converted to a phosphorylated product as a function of
30 time. Catalytic activity can be measured by methods of the invention by holding time constant

and determining the concentration of a phosphorylated substrate after a fixed period of time. Phosphorylation of a substrate occurs at the active site of a protein kinase. The active site is normally a cavity in which the substrate binds to the protein kinase and is phosphorylated.

The term "substrate" as used herein refers to a molecule phosphorylated by a kinase of
5 the invention. Kinases phosphorylate substrates on serine/threonine or tyrosine amino acids.
The molecule may be another protein or a polypeptide.

The term "C-terminal domain" refers to the region located between the catalytic domain or the last (located closest to the C-terminus) functional domain and the carboxy-terminal amino acid residue of the protein kinase. By "functional" domain is meant any region of the
10 polypeptide that may play a regulatory or catalytic role as predicted from amino acid sequence homology to other proteins or by the presence of amino acid sequences that may give rise to specific structural conformations (*e.g.* N-terminal domain). The C-terminal domain can be identified by using a Smith-Waterman alignment of the protein sequence against the non-redundant protein database to define the C-terminal boundary of the catalytic domain or of any
15 functional C-terminal extracatalytic domain. Depending on its length and amino acid composition, the C-terminal domain may or may not play a regulatory role in kinase function. An example of a protein kinase whose C-terminal domain may play a regulatory role is PAK3 which contains a heterotrimeric G_b subunit-binding site near its C-terminus (Leeuw, T. *et al.* (1998) *Nature*, 391, 191-195). For some of the kinases of the instant invention, the C-
20 terminal domain may also comprise the catalytic domain (above).

The term "C-terminal tail" as used herein, refers to a C-terminal domain of a protein kinase, that by homology extends or protrudes past the C-terminal amino acid of its closest homolog. C-terminal tails can be identified by using a Smith-Waterman sequence alignment of the protein sequence against the non-redundant protein database, or by means of a multiple
25 sequence alignment of homologous sequences using the DNAStar program Megalign. Depending on its length, a C-terminal tail may or may not play a regulatory role in kinase function.

The term "coiled-coil structure region" as used herein, refers to a polypeptide sequence that has a high probability of adopting a coiled-coil structure as predicted by computer
30 algorithms such as COILS (Lupas, A. (1996) *Meth. Enzymology* 266:513-525). Coiled-coils are

formed by two or three amphipathic α -helices in parallel. Coiled-coils can bind to coiled-coil domains of other polypeptides resulting in homo- or heterodimers (Lupas, A. (1991) *Science* 252:1162-1164). Coiled-coil-dependent oligomerization has been shown to be necessary for protein function including catalytic activity of serine/threonine kinases (Roe, J. *et al.* (1997) *J. Biol. Chem.* 272:5838-5845).

The term "proline-rich region" as used herein, refers to a region of a protein kinase whose proline content over a given amino acid length is higher than the average content of this amino acid found in proteins (*i.e.*, >10%). Proline-rich regions are easily discernable by visual inspection of amino acid sequences and quantitated by standard computer sequence analysis programs such as the DNASTar program EditSeq. Proline-rich regions have been demonstrated to participate in regulatory protein -protein interactions. Among these interactions, those that are most relevant to this invention involve the "PxxP" proline rich motif found in certain protein kinases (*i.e.*, human PAK1) and the SH3 domain of the adaptor molecule Nck (Galisteo, M.L. *et al.* (1996) *J. Biol. Chem.* 271:20997-21000). Other regulatory interactions involving "PxxP" proline-rich motifs include the WW domain (Sudol, M. (1996) *Prog. Biochys. Mol. Bio.* 65:113-132).

The term "spacer region" as used herein, refers to a region of the protein kinase located between predicted functional domains. The spacer region has no detectable homology to any amino acid sequence in the database, and can be identified by using a Smith-Waterman alignment of the protein sequence against the non-redundant protein database to define the C- and N-terminal boundaries of the flanking functional domains. Spacer regions may or may not play a fundamental role in protein kinase function. Precedence for the regulatory role of spacer regions in kinase function is provided by the role of the *src* kinase spacer in inter-domain interactions (Xu, W. *et al.* (1997) *Nature* 385:595-602).

The term "insert" as used herein refers to a portion of a protein kinase that is absent from a close homolog. Inserts may or may not be the product alternative splicing of exons. Inserts can be identified by using a Smith-Waterman sequence alignment of the protein sequence against the non-redundant protein database, or by means of a multiple sequence alignment of homologous sequences using the DNASTar program Megalign. Inserts may play a functional

role by presenting a new interface for protein-protein interactions, or by interfering with such interactions.

The term "signal transduction pathway" refers to the molecules that propagate an extracellular signal through the cell membrane to become an intracellular signal. This signal can 5 then stimulate a cellular response. The polypeptide molecules involved in signal transduction processes are typically receptor and non-receptor protein tyrosine kinases, receptor and non-receptor protein phosphatases, polypeptides containing *SRC* homology 2 and 3 domains, phosphotyrosine binding proteins (*SRC* homology 2 (SH2) and phosphotyrosine binding (PTB and PH) domain containing proteins), proline-rich binding proteins (SH3 domain containing 10 proteins), GTPases, phosphodiesterases, phospholipases, prolyl isomerases, proteases, Ca²⁺ binding proteins, cAMP binding proteins, guanyl cyclases, adenylyl cyclases, NO generating proteins, nucleotide exchange factors, and transcription factors.

In other preferred embodiments, the invention features isolated, enriched, or purified 15 nucleic acid molecules encoding kinase polypeptides, further comprising a vector or promoter effective to initiate transcription in a host cell. The invention also features recombinant nucleic acid, preferably in a cell or an organism. The recombinant nucleic acid may contain a sequence selected from the group consisting of those set forth in SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:11, SEQ ID NO:12, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ 20 ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:17, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:19, SEQ ID NO:20, SEQ ID NO:21, SEQ ID NO:22, SEQ ID NO:23, SEQ ID NO:24, SEQ ID NO:25, SEQ ID NO:26, SEQ ID NO:27, SEQ ID NO:28, SEQ ID NO:29, SEQ ID NO:30, SEQ ID NO:31, SEQ ID NO:32, SEQ ID NO:33, SEQ ID NO:34, SEQ ID NO:35, SEQ ID NO:36, SEQ ID NO:37, SEQ ID NO:38, SEQ ID NO:39, SEQ ID NO:40, SEQ ID NO:41, SEQ ID NO:42, SEQ ID 25 NO:43, SEQ ID NO:44, SEQ ID NO:45, SEQ ID NO:46, SEQ ID NO:47, SEQ ID NO:48, SEQ ID NO:49, SEQ ID NO:50, SEQ ID NO:51, SEQ ID NO:52, SEQ ID NO:53, SEQ ID NO:54, SEQ ID NO:55, SEQ ID NO:56, and SEQ ID NO:57, or a functional derivative thereof and a vector or a promoter effective to initiate transcription in a host cell. The recombinant nucleic acid can alternatively contain a transcriptional initiation region functional in a cell, a sequence 30 complementary to an RNA sequence encoding a kinase polypeptide and a transcriptional

termination region functional in a cell. Specific vectors and host cell combinations are discussed herein.

The term "vector" relates to a single or double-stranded circular nucleic acid molecule that can be transfected into cells and replicated within or independently of a cell genome. A 5 circular double-stranded nucleic acid molecule can be cut and thereby linearized upon treatment with restriction enzymes. An assortment of nucleic acid vectors, restriction enzymes, and the knowledge of the nucleotide sequences cut by restriction enzymes are readily available to those skilled in the art. A nucleic acid molecule encoding a kinase can be inserted into a vector by cutting the vector with restriction enzymes and ligating the two pieces together.

10 The term "transfected" defines a number of methods to insert a nucleic acid vector or other nucleic acid molecules into a cellular organism. These methods involve a variety of techniques, such as treating the cells with high concentrations of salt, an electric field, detergent, or DMSO to render the outer membrane or wall of the cells permeable to nucleic acid molecules of interest or use of various viral transduction strategies.

15 The term "promoter" as used herein, refers to nucleic acid sequence needed for gene sequence expression. Promoter regions vary from organism to organism, but are well known to persons skilled in the art for different organisms. For example, in prokaryotes, the promoter region contains both the promoter (which directs the initiation of RNA transcription) as well as the DNA sequences which, when transcribed into RNA, will signal synthesis initiation. Such 20 regions will normally include those 5'-non-coding sequences involved with initiation of transcription and translation, such as the TATA box, capping sequence, CAAT sequence, and the like.

In preferred embodiments, the isolated nucleic acid comprises, consists essentially of, or consists of a nucleic acid sequence selected from the group consisting of those set forth in SEQ 25 ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:11, SEQ ID NO:12, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:17, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:19, SEQ ID NO:20, SEQ ID NO:21, SEQ ID NO:22, SEQ ID NO:23, SEQ ID NO:24, SEQ ID NO:25, SEQ ID NO:26, SEQ ID NO:27, SEQ ID NO:28, SEQ ID NO:29, SEQ ID 30 NO:30, SEQ ID NO:31, SEQ ID NO:32, SEQ ID NO:33, SEQ ID NO:34, SEQ ID NO:35, SEQ

ID NO:36, SEQ ID NO:37, SEQ ID NO:38, SEQ ID NO:39, SEQ ID NO:40, SEQ ID NO:41, SEQ ID NO:42, SEQ ID NO:43, SEQ ID NO:44, SEQ ID NO:45, SEQ ID NO:46, SEQ ID NO:47, SEQ ID NO:48, SEQ ID NO:49, SEQ ID NO:50, SEQ ID NO:51, SEQ ID NO:52, SEQ ID NO:53, SEQ ID NO:54, SEQ ID NO:55, SEQ ID NO:56, and SEQ ID NO:57, which encodes
5 an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of those set forth in SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO:
10 64, SEQ ID NO: 65, SEQ ID NO: 66, SEQ ID NO: 67, SEQ ID NO: 68, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:71, SEQ ID NO:72, SEQ ID NO:73, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:78, SEQ ID NO:79, SEQ ID NO:80, SEQ ID
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NO:98, SEQ ID NO:99, SEQ ID NO:100, SEQ ID NO:101, SEQ ID NO:102, SEQ ID NO:103,
20 SEQ ID NO:104, SEQ ID NO:105, SEQ ID NO:106, SEQ ID NO:107, SEQ ID NO:108, SEQ ID NO:109, SEQ ID NO:110, SEQ ID NO:111, SEQ ID NO:112, SEQ ID NO:113, and SEQ ID NO:114, a functional derivative thereof, or at least 35, 40, 45, 50, 60, 75, 100, 200, or 300 contiguous amino acids selected from the group consisting of those set forth in SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO:
25 64, SEQ ID NO: 65, SEQ ID NO: 66, SEQ ID NO: 67, SEQ ID NO: 68, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:71, SEQ ID NO:72, SEQ ID NO:73, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:78, SEQ ID NO:79, SEQ ID NO:80, SEQ ID NO:81, SEQ ID NO:82, SEQ ID NO:83, SEQ ID NO:84, SEQ ID NO:85, SEQ ID NO:86, SEQ ID NO:87, SEQ ID NO:88, SEQ ID NO:89, SEQ ID NO:90, SEQ ID NO:91, SEQ ID NO:92, SEQ ID NO:93, SEQ ID NO:94, SEQ ID NO:95, SEQ ID NO:96, SEQ ID NO:97, SEQ ID
NO:98, SEQ ID NO:99, SEQ ID NO:100, SEQ ID NO:101, SEQ ID NO:102, SEQ ID NO:103, SEQ ID NO:104, SEQ ID NO:105, SEQ ID NO:106, SEQ ID NO:107, SEQ ID NO:108, SEQ ID NO:109, SEQ ID NO:110, SEQ ID NO:111, SEQ ID NO:112, SEQ ID NO:113, and SEQ ID NO:114. The nucleic acid may be isolated from a natural source by cDNA cloning or by subtractive hybridization. The natural source may be mammalian, preferably human, preferably

blood, semen or tissue, and the nucleic acid may be synthesized by the triester method or by using an automated DNA synthesizer.

The term "mammal" refers preferably to such organisms as mice, rats, rabbits, guinea pigs, sheep, and goats, more preferably to cats, dogs, monkeys, and apes, and most preferably to
5 humans.

In yet other preferred embodiments, the nucleic acid is a conserved or unique region, for example those useful for: the design of hybridization probes to facilitate identification and cloning of additional polypeptides, the design of PCR probes to facilitate cloning of additional polypeptides, obtaining antibodies to polypeptide regions, and designing antisense
10 oligonucleotides.

By "conserved nucleic acid regions", are meant regions present on two or more nucleic acids encoding a kinase polypeptide, to which a particular nucleic acid sequence can hybridize under lower stringency conditions. Examples of lower stringency conditions suitable for screening for nucleic acid encoding kinase polypeptides are provided in Wahl *et al. Meth. Enzym.* 152:399-407 (1987) and in Wahl *et al. Meth. Enzym.* 152:415-423 (1987), which are hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety, including any drawings, figures, or tables. Preferably, conserved regions differ by no more than 5 out of 20 nucleotides, even more preferably 2 out of 20 nucleotides or most preferably 1 out of 20 nucleotides.
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By "unique nucleic acid region" is meant a sequence present in a nucleic acid coding for a kinase polypeptide that is not present in a sequence coding for any other naturally occurring polypeptide. Such regions preferably encode 32 (preferably 40, more preferably 45, most preferably 55) or more contiguous amino acids, for example, an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of those set forth in SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO: 64, SEQ ID NO: 65, SEQ ID NO:
20 66, SEQ ID NO: 67, SEQ ID NO: 68, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:71, SEQ ID NO:72, SEQ ID NO:73, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:78, SEQ ID NO:79, SEQ ID NO:80, SEQ ID NO:81, SEQ ID NO:82, SEQ ID NO:83,
25 SEQ ID NO:84, SEQ ID NO:85, SEQ ID NO:86, SEQ ID NO:87, SEQ ID NO:88, SEQ ID NO:89, SEQ ID NO:90, SEQ ID NO:91, SEQ ID NO:92, SEQ ID NO:93, SEQ ID NO:94, SEQ ID NO:95, SEQ ID NO:96, SEQ ID NO:97, SEQ ID NO:98, SEQ ID NO:99, SEQ ID NO:100,
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SEQ ID NO:101, SEQ ID NO:102, SEQ ID NO:103, SEQ ID NO:104, SEQ ID NO:105, SEQ ID NO:106, SEQ ID NO:107, SEQ ID NO:108, SEQ ID NO:109, SEQ ID NO:110, SEQ ID NO:111, SEQ ID NO:112, SEQ ID NO:113, and SEQ ID NO:114. In particular, a unique nucleic acid region is preferably of mammalian origin.

- 5 Another aspect of the invention features a nucleic acid probe for the detection of nucleic acid encoding a kinase polypeptide having an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of those set forth in SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO: 64, SEQ ID NO: 65, SEQ ID NO: 66, SEQ ID NO: 67, SEQ ID NO: 68, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:71, SEQ ID NO:72, SEQ
10 ID NO:73, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:78, SEQ ID NO:79, SEQ ID NO:80, SEQ ID NO:81, SEQ ID NO:82, SEQ ID NO:83, SEQ ID NO:84, SEQ ID NO:85, SEQ ID NO:86, SEQ ID NO:87, SEQ ID NO:88, SEQ ID NO:89, SEQ ID NO:90, SEQ ID NO:91, SEQ ID NO:92, SEQ ID NO:93, SEQ ID NO:94, SEQ ID NO:95, SEQ ID NO:96, SEQ ID NO:97, SEQ ID NO:98, SEQ ID NO:99, SEQ ID NO:100, SEQ ID
15 NO:101, SEQ ID NO:102, SEQ ID NO:103, SEQ ID NO:104, SEQ ID NO:105, SEQ ID NO:106, SEQ ID NO:107, SEQ ID NO:108, SEQ ID NO:109, SEQ ID NO:110, SEQ ID NO:111, SEQ ID NO:112, SEQ ID NO:113, and SEQ ID NO:114. in a sample. The nucleic acid probe contains a nucleotide base sequence that will hybridize to the sequence selected from the group consisting of those set forth in SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID
20 NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:11, SEQ ID NO:12, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:17, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:19, SEQ ID NO:20, SEQ ID NO:21, SEQ ID NO:22, SEQ ID NO:23, SEQ ID NO:24, SEQ ID NO:25, SEQ ID NO:26, SEQ ID NO:27, SEQ ID NO:28, SEQ ID NO:29, SEQ ID NO:30, SEQ ID NO:31, SEQ ID NO:32, SEQ
25 ID NO:33, SEQ ID NO:34, SEQ ID NO:35, SEQ ID NO:36, SEQ ID NO:37, SEQ ID NO:38, SEQ ID NO:39, SEQ ID NO:40, SEQ ID NO:41, SEQ ID NO:42, SEQ ID NO:43, SEQ ID NO:44, SEQ ID NO:45, SEQ ID NO:46, SEQ ID NO:47, SEQ ID NO:48, SEQ ID NO:49, SEQ ID NO:50, SEQ ID NO:51, SEQ ID NO:52, SEQ ID NO:53, SEQ ID NO:54, SEQ ID NO:55, SEQ ID NO:56, and SEQ ID NO:57, or a functional derivative thereof.

In preferred embodiments, the nucleic acid probe hybridizes to nucleic acid encoding at least 12, 32, 75, 90, 105, 120, 150, 200, 250, 300 or 350 contiguous amino acids, wherein the nucleic acid sequence is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ 5 ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:11, SEQ ID NO:12, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:17, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:19, SEQ ID NO:20, SEQ ID NO:21, SEQ ID NO:22, SEQ ID NO:23, SEQ ID NO:24, SEQ ID NO:25, SEQ ID NO:26, SEQ ID NO:27, SEQ ID NO:28, SEQ ID NO:29, SEQ ID NO:30, SEQ ID NO:31, SEQ ID NO:32, SEQ ID NO:33, SEQ ID NO:34, SEQ ID NO:35, SEQ ID NO:36, SEQ ID NO:37, SEQ ID NO:38, SEQ ID NO:39, SEQ ID NO:40, SEQ ID NO:41, SEQ ID NO:42, SEQ ID NO:43, SEQ ID NO:44, SEQ ID NO:45, SEQ ID NO:46, SEQ ID NO:47, SEQ ID NO:48, SEQ ID NO:49, SEQ ID NO:50, SEQ ID NO:51, SEQ ID NO:52, SEQ ID NO:53, SEQ ID NO:54, SEQ ID NO:55, SEQ ID NO:56, and SEQ ID NO:57, or a functional derivative thereof.

Methods for using the probes include detecting the presence or amount of kinase RNA in 15 a sample by contacting the sample with a nucleic acid probe under conditions such that hybridization occurs and detecting the presence or amount of the probe bound to kinase RNA. The nucleic acid duplex formed between the probe and a nucleic acid sequence coding for a kinase polypeptide may be used in the identification of the sequence of the nucleic acid detected (Nelson *et al.*, in *Nonisotopic DNA Probe Techniques*, Academic Press, San Diego, Kricka, ed., 20 p. 275, 1992, hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety, including any drawings, figures, or tables). Kits for performing such methods may be constructed to include a container means having disposed therein a nucleic acid probe.

Methods for using the probes also include using these probes to find, for example, the full-length clone of each of the predicted kinases by techniques known to one skilled in the art. 25 These clones will be useful for screening for small molecule compounds that inhibit the catalytic activity of the encoded kinase with potential utility in treating cancers, immune-related diseases and disorders, cardiovascular disease, brain or neuronal-associated diseases, and metabolic disorders. More specifically disorders including cancers of tissues, blood, or hematopoietic origin, particularly those involving breast, colon, lung, prostate, cervical, brain, ovarian, bladder, 30 or kidney; central or peripheral nervous system diseases and conditions including migraine, pain,

sexual dysfunction, mood disorders, attention disorders, cognition disorders, hypotension, and hypertension; psychotic and neurological disorders, including anxiety, schizophrenia, manic depression, delirium, dementia, severe mental retardation and dyskinesias, such as Huntington's disease or Tourette's Syndrome; neurodegenerative diseases including Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, 5 multiple sclerosis, and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; viral or non-viral infections caused by HIV-1, HIV-2 or other viral- or prion-agents or fungal- or bacterial- organisms; metabolic disorders including Diabetes and obesity and their related syndromes, among others; cardiovascular disorders including reperfusion restenosis, coronary thrombosis, clotting disorders, unregulated cell growth disorders, atherosclerosis; ocular disease including glaucoma, retinopathy, and 10 macular degeneration; inflammatory disorders including rheumatoid arthritis, chronic inflammatory bowel disease, chronic inflammatory pelvic disease, multiple sclerosis, asthma, osteoarthritis, psoriasis, atherosclerosis, rhinitis, autoimmunity, and organ transplant rejection.

In another aspect, the invention describes a recombinant cell or tissue comprising a nucleic acid molecule encoding a kinase polypeptide having an amino acid sequence selected 15 from the group consisting of those set forth in SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO: 64, SEQ ID NO: 65, SEQ ID NO: 66, SEQ ID NO: 67, SEQ ID NO: 68, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:71, SEQ ID NO:72, SEQ ID NO:73, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:78, SEQ ID NO:79, SEQ ID NO:80, SEQ ID NO:81, SEQ ID NO:82, SEQ ID NO:83, 20 SEQ ID NO:84, SEQ ID NO:85, SEQ ID NO:86, SEQ ID NO:87, SEQ ID NO:88, SEQ ID NO:89, SEQ ID NO:90, SEQ ID NO:91, SEQ ID NO:92, SEQ ID NO:93, SEQ ID NO:94, SEQ ID NO:95, SEQ ID NO:96, SEQ ID NO:97, SEQ ID NO:98, SEQ ID NO:99, SEQ ID NO:100, SEQ ID NO:101, SEQ ID NO:102, SEQ ID NO:103, SEQ ID NO:104, SEQ ID NO:105, SEQ ID NO:106, SEQ ID NO:107, SEQ ID NO:108, SEQ ID NO:109, SEQ ID NO:110, SEQ ID 25 NO:111, SEQ ID NO:112, SEQ ID NO:113, and SEQ ID NO:114. In such cells, the nucleic acid may be under the control of the genomic regulatory elements, or may be under the control of exogenous regulatory elements including an exogenous promoter. By "exogenous" it is meant a promoter that is not normally coupled *in vivo* transcriptionally to the coding sequence for the kinase polypeptides.

The polypeptide is preferably a fragment of the protein encoded by an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of those set forth in SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO: 64, SEQ ID NO: 65, SEQ ID NO: 66, SEQ ID NO: 67, SEQ ID NO: 68, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:70, 5 SEQ ID NO:71, SEQ ID NO:72, SEQ ID NO:73, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:78, SEQ ID NO:79, SEQ ID NO:80, SEQ ID NO:81, SEQ ID NO:82, SEQ ID NO:83, SEQ ID NO:84, SEQ ID NO:85, SEQ ID NO:86, SEQ ID NO:87, SEQ ID NO:88, SEQ ID NO:89, SEQ ID NO:90, SEQ ID NO:91, SEQ ID NO:92, SEQ ID NO:93, SEQ ID NO:94, SEQ ID NO:95, SEQ ID NO:96, SEQ ID NO:97, SEQ ID NO:98, SEQ 10 ID NO:99, SEQ ID NO:100, SEQ ID NO:101, SEQ ID NO:102, SEQ ID NO:103, SEQ ID NO:104, SEQ ID NO:105, SEQ ID NO:106, SEQ ID NO:107, SEQ ID NO:108, SEQ ID NO:109, SEQ ID NO:110, SEQ ID NO:111, SEQ ID NO:112, SEQ ID NO:113, and SEQ ID NO:114. By "fragment," is meant an amino acid sequence present in a kinase polypeptide. Preferably, such a sequence comprises at least 32, 45, 50, 60, 100, 200, or 300 contiguous amino acids of a sequence selected from the group consisting of those set forth in SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO: 64, SEQ ID NO: 65, SEQ ID NO: 66, SEQ ID NO: 67, SEQ ID NO: 68, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:71, SEQ ID NO:72, SEQ ID NO:73, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:78, SEQ ID NO:79, SEQ ID NO:80, SEQ ID NO:81, 15 SEQ ID NO:82, SEQ ID NO:83, SEQ ID NO:84, SEQ ID NO:85, SEQ ID NO:86, SEQ ID NO:87, SEQ ID NO:88, SEQ ID NO:89, SEQ ID NO:90, SEQ ID NO:91, SEQ ID NO:92, SEQ ID NO:93, SEQ ID NO:94, SEQ ID NO:95, SEQ ID NO:96, SEQ ID NO:97, SEQ ID NO:98, SEQ ID NO:99, SEQ ID NO:100, SEQ ID NO:101, SEQ ID NO:102, SEQ ID NO:103, SEQ ID NO:104, SEQ ID NO:105, SEQ ID NO:106, SEQ ID NO:107, SEQ ID NO:108, SEQ ID 20 NO:109, SEQ ID NO:110, SEQ ID NO:111, SEQ ID NO:112, SEQ ID NO:113, and SEQ ID NO:114.

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In another aspect, the invention features an isolated, enriched, or purified kinase polypeptide having the amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of those set forth in SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID 30 NO:63, SEQ ID NO: 64, SEQ ID NO: 65, SEQ ID NO: 66, SEQ ID NO: 67, SEQ ID NO: 68,

SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:71, SEQ ID NO:72, SEQ ID NO:73, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:78, SEQ ID NO:79, SEQ ID NO:80, SEQ ID NO:81, SEQ ID NO:82, SEQ ID NO:83, SEQ ID NO:84, SEQ ID NO:85, SEQ ID NO:86, SEQ ID NO:87, SEQ ID NO:88, SEQ ID NO:89, SEQ ID NO:90, SEQ ID NO:91, SEQ ID NO:92, SEQ ID NO:93, SEQ ID NO:94, SEQ ID NO:95, SEQ ID NO:96, SEQ ID NO:97, SEQ ID NO:98, SEQ ID NO:99, SEQ ID NO:100, SEQ ID NO:101, SEQ ID NO:102, SEQ ID NO:103, SEQ ID NO:104, SEQ ID NO:105, SEQ ID NO:106, SEQ ID NO:107, SEQ ID NO:108, SEQ ID NO:109, SEQ ID NO:110, SEQ ID NO:111, SEQ ID NO:112, SEQ ID NO:113, and SEQ ID NO:114.

- By "isolated" in reference to a polypeptide is meant a polymer of 6 (preferably 12, more preferably 18, most preferably 25, 32, 40, or 50) or more amino acids conjugated to each other, including polypeptides that are isolated from a natural source or that are synthesized. In certain aspects longer polypeptides are preferred, such as those comprising 100, 200, 300, 400, 450, 500, 550, 600, 700, 800, 900 or more contiguous amino acids, including an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of those set forth in SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO:64, SEQ ID NO:65, SEQ ID NO:66, SEQ ID NO:67, SEQ ID NO:68, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:71, SEQ ID NO:72, SEQ ID NO:73, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:78, SEQ ID NO:79, SEQ ID NO:80, SEQ ID NO:81, SEQ ID NO:82, SEQ ID NO:83, SEQ ID NO:84, SEQ ID NO:85, SEQ ID NO:86, SEQ ID NO:87, SEQ ID NO:88, SEQ ID NO:89, SEQ ID NO:90, SEQ ID NO:91, SEQ ID NO:92, SEQ ID NO:93, SEQ ID NO:94, SEQ ID NO:95, SEQ ID NO:96, SEQ ID NO:97, SEQ ID NO:98, SEQ ID NO:99, SEQ ID NO:100, SEQ ID NO:101, SEQ ID NO:102, SEQ ID NO:103, SEQ ID NO:104, SEQ ID NO:105, SEQ ID NO:106, SEQ ID NO:107, SEQ ID NO:108, SEQ ID NO:109, SEQ ID NO:110, SEQ ID NO:111, SEQ ID NO:112, SEQ ID NO:113, and SEQ ID NO:114.

The isolated polypeptides of the present invention are unique in the sense that they are not found in a pure or separated state in nature. Use of the term "isolated" indicates that a naturally occurring sequence has been removed from its normal cellular environment. Thus, the sequence may be in a cell-free solution or placed in a different cellular environment. The term

does not imply that the sequence is the only amino acid chain present, but that it is essentially free (about 90 - 95% pure at least) of non-amino acid-based material naturally associated with it.

By the use of the term "enriched" in reference to a polypeptide is meant that the specific amino acid sequence constitutes a significantly higher fraction (2- to 5-fold) of the total amino acid sequences present in the cells or solution of interest than in normal or diseased cells or in the cells from which the sequence was taken. This could be caused by a person by preferential reduction in the amount of other amino acid sequences present, or by a preferential increase in the amount of the specific amino acid sequence of interest, or by a combination of the two. However, it should be noted that enriched does not imply that there are no other amino acid sequences present, just that the relative amount of the sequence of interest has been significantly increased. The term "significantly" here is used to indicate that the level of increase is useful to the person making such an increase, and generally means an increase relative to other amino acid sequences of about at least 2-fold, more preferably at least 5- to 10-fold or even more. The term also does not imply that there is no amino acid sequence from other sources. The other source of amino acid sequences may, for example, comprise amino acid sequence encoded by a yeast or bacterial genome, or a cloning vector such as pUC19. The term is meant to cover only those situations in which man has intervened to increase the proportion of the desired amino acid sequence.

It is also advantageous for some purposes that an amino acid sequence be in purified form. The term "purified" in reference to a polypeptide does not require absolute purity (such as a homogeneous preparation); instead, it represents an indication that the sequence is relatively purer than in the natural environment. Compared to the natural level this level should be at least 2-to 5-fold greater (e.g., in terms of mg/mL). Purification of at least one order of magnitude, preferably two or three orders, and more preferably four or five orders of magnitude is expressly contemplated. The substance is preferably free of contamination at a functionally significant level, for example 90%, 95%, or 99% pure.

In preferred embodiments, the kinase polypeptide is a fragment of the protein encoded by an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of those set forth in SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO: 30 64, SEQ ID NO: 65, SEQ ID NO: 66, SEQ ID NO: 67, SEQ ID NO: 68, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ

ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:71, SEQ ID NO:72, SEQ ID NO:73, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:78, SEQ ID NO:79, SEQ ID NO:80, SEQ ID NO:81, SEQ ID NO:82, SEQ ID NO:83, SEQ ID NO:84, SEQ ID NO:85, SEQ ID NO:86, SEQ ID NO:87, SEQ ID NO:88, SEQ ID NO:89, SEQ ID NO:90, SEQ ID NO:91, SEQ ID NO:92, 5 SEQ ID NO:93, SEQ ID NO:94, SEQ ID NO:95, SEQ ID NO:96, SEQ ID NO:97, SEQ ID NO:98, SEQ ID NO:99, SEQ ID NO:100, SEQ ID NO:101, SEQ ID NO:102, SEQ ID NO:103, SEQ ID NO:104, SEQ ID NO:105, SEQ ID NO:106, SEQ ID NO:107, SEQ ID NO:108, SEQ ID NO:109, SEQ ID NO:110, SEQ ID NO:111, SEQ ID NO:112, SEQ ID NO:113, and SEQ ID NO:114. Preferably, the kinase polypeptide contains at least 32, 45, 50, 60, 100, 200, or 300 10 contiguous amino acids of a sequence selected from the group consisting of those set forth in SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO:64, SEQ ID NO:65, SEQ ID NO:66, SEQ ID NO:67, SEQ ID NO:68, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:71, SEQ ID NO:72, SEQ ID NO:73, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:78, SEQ ID NO:79, SEQ 15 ID NO:80, SEQ ID NO:81, SEQ ID NO:82, SEQ ID NO:83, SEQ ID NO:84, SEQ ID NO:85, SEQ ID NO:86, SEQ ID NO:87, SEQ ID NO:88, SEQ ID NO:89, SEQ ID NO:90, SEQ ID NO:91, SEQ ID NO:92, SEQ ID NO:93, SEQ ID NO:94, SEQ ID NO:95, SEQ ID NO:96, SEQ ID NO:97, SEQ ID NO:98, SEQ ID NO:99, SEQ ID NO:100, SEQ ID NO:101, SEQ ID NO:102, SEQ ID NO:103, SEQ ID NO:104, SEQ ID NO:105, SEQ ID NO:106, SEQ ID NO:107, SEQ ID NO:108, SEQ ID NO:109, SEQ ID NO:110, SEQ ID NO:111, SEQ ID NO:112, SEQ ID NO:113, and SEQ ID NO:114, or a functional derivative thereof.

In preferred embodiments, the kinase polypeptide comprises an amino acid sequence having (a) an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of those set forth in SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:63, 25 SEQ ID NO:64, SEQ ID NO:65, SEQ ID NO:66, SEQ ID NO:67, SEQ ID NO:68, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:71, SEQ ID NO:72, SEQ ID NO:73, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:78, SEQ ID NO:79, SEQ ID NO:80, SEQ ID NO:81, SEQ ID NO:82, SEQ ID NO:83, SEQ ID NO:84, SEQ ID NO:85, SEQ ID NO:86, SEQ ID NO:87, SEQ ID NO:88, SEQ ID NO:89, SEQ ID NO:90, SEQ ID NO:91, SEQ 30 ID NO:92, SEQ ID NO:93, SEQ ID NO:94, SEQ ID NO:95, SEQ ID NO:96, SEQ ID NO:97,

SEQ ID NO:98, SEQ ID NO:99, SEQ ID NO:100, SEQ ID NO:101, SEQ ID NO:102, SEQ ID NO:103, SEQ ID NO:104, SEQ ID NO:105, SEQ ID NO:106, SEQ ID NO:107, SEQ ID NO:108, SEQ ID NO:109, SEQ ID NO:110, SEQ ID NO:111, SEQ ID NO:112, SEQ ID NO:113, and SEQ ID NO:114; and (b) an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of those set forth in SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO:64, SEQ ID NO:65, SEQ ID NO:66, SEQ ID NO:67, SEQ ID NO:68, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:71, SEQ ID NO:72, SEQ ID NO:73, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:78, SEQ ID NO:79, SEQ ID NO:80, SEQ ID NO:81, SEQ ID NO:82, SEQ ID NO:83, SEQ ID NO:84, SEQ ID NO:85, SEQ ID NO:86, SEQ ID NO:87, SEQ ID NO:88, SEQ ID NO:89, SEQ ID NO:90, SEQ ID NO:91, SEQ ID NO:92, SEQ ID NO:93, SEQ ID NO:94, SEQ ID NO:95, SEQ ID NO:96, SEQ ID NO:97, SEQ ID NO:98, SEQ ID NO:99, SEQ ID NO:100, SEQ ID NO:101, SEQ ID NO:102, SEQ ID NO:103, SEQ ID NO:104, SEQ ID NO:105, SEQ ID NO:106, SEQ ID NO:107, SEQ ID NO:108, SEQ ID NO:109, SEQ ID NO:110, SEQ ID NO:111, SEQ ID NO:112, SEQ ID NO:113, and SEQ ID NO:114, except that it lacks one or more of the domains selected from the group consisting of a C-terminal catalytic domain, an N-terminal domain, a catalytic domain, a C-terminal domain, a coiled-coil structure region, a proline-rich region, a spacer region, and a C-terminal tail.

The polypeptide can be isolated from a natural source by methods well-known in the art.

20 The natural source may be mammalian, preferably human, preferably blood, semen or tissue, and the polypeptide may be synthesized using an automated polypeptide synthesizer.

In some embodiments the invention includes a recombinant kinase polypeptide having (a) an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of those set forth in SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO:64, SEQ ID NO:65, SEQ ID NO:66, SEQ ID NO:67, SEQ ID NO:68, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:71, SEQ ID NO:72, SEQ ID NO:73, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:78, SEQ ID NO:79, SEQ ID NO:80, SEQ ID NO:81, SEQ ID NO:82, SEQ ID NO:83, SEQ ID NO:84, SEQ ID NO:85, SEQ ID NO:86, SEQ ID NO:87, SEQ ID NO:88, SEQ ID NO:89, SEQ ID NO:90, SEQ ID NO:91, SEQ ID NO:92, SEQ ID NO:93, SEQ ID NO:94, SEQ ID NO:95, SEQ ID NO:96, SEQ ID NO:97, SEQ ID NO:98, SEQ ID NO:99, SEQ ID NO:100, SEQ ID NO:101, SEQ ID NO:102, SEQ ID NO:103, SEQ ID NO:104, SEQ ID NO:105, SEQ ID NO:106, SEQ ID NO:107, SEQ ID NO:108, SEQ ID NO:109, SEQ ID NO:110, SEQ ID NO:111, SEQ ID NO:112, SEQ ID NO:113, and SEQ ID NO:114, except that it lacks one or more of the domains selected from the group consisting of a C-terminal catalytic domain, an N-terminal domain, a catalytic domain, a C-terminal domain, a coiled-coil structure region, a proline-rich region, a spacer region, and a C-terminal tail.

NO:98, SEQ ID NO:99, SEQ ID NO:100, SEQ ID NO:101, SEQ ID NO:102, SEQ ID NO:103, SEQ ID NO:104, SEQ ID NO:105, SEQ ID NO:106, SEQ ID NO:107, SEQ ID NO:108, SEQ ID NO:109, SEQ ID NO:110, SEQ ID NO:111, SEQ ID NO:112, SEQ ID NO:113, and SEQ ID NO:114. By "recombinant kinase polypeptide" is meant a polypeptide produced by recombinant DNA techniques such that it is distinct from a naturally occurring polypeptide either in its location (*e.g.*, present in a different cell or tissue than found in nature), purity or structure. Generally, such a recombinant polypeptide will be present in a cell in an amount different from that normally observed in nature.

The polypeptides to be expressed in host cells may also be fusion proteins which include regions from heterologous proteins. Such regions may be included to allow, *e.g.*, secretion, improved stability, or facilitated purification of the polypeptide. For example, a sequence encoding an appropriate signal peptide can be incorporated into expression vectors. A DNA sequence for a signal peptide (secretory leader) may be fused in-frame to the polynucleotide sequence so that the polypeptide is translated as a fusion protein comprising the signal peptide. A signal peptide that is functional in the intended host cell promotes extracellular secretion of the polypeptide. Preferably, the signal sequence will be cleaved from the polypeptide upon secretion of the polypeptide from the cell. Thus, preferred fusion proteins can be produced in which the N-terminus of a kinase polypeptide is fused to a carrier peptide.

In one embodiment, the polypeptide comprises a fusion protein which includes a heterologous region used to facilitate purification of the polypeptide. Many of the available peptides used for such a function allow selective binding of the fusion protein to a binding partner. A preferred binding partner includes one or more of the IgG binding domains of protein A are easily purified to homogeneity by affinity chromatography on, for example, IgG-coupled Sepharose. Alternatively, many vectors have the advantage of carrying a stretch of histidine residues that can be expressed at the N-terminal or C-terminal end of the target protein, and thus the protein of interest can be recovered by metal chelation chromatography. A nucleotide sequence encoding a recognition site for a proteolytic enzyme such as enterokinase, factor X procollagenase or thrombine may immediately precede the sequence for a kinase polypeptide to permit cleavage of the fusion protein to obtain the mature kinase polypeptide. Additional examples of fusion-protein binding partners include, but are not limited to, the yeast I-factor, the

honeybee melatin leader in sf9 insect cells, 6-His tag, thioredoxin tag, hemagglutinin tag, GST tag, and OmpA signal sequence tag. As will be understood by one of skill in the art, the binding partner which recognizes and binds to the peptide may be any ion, molecule or compound including metal ions (e.g., metal affinity columns), antibodies, or fragments thereof, and any 5 protein or peptide which binds the peptide, such as the FLAG tag.

In another aspect, the invention features an antibody (e.g., a monoclonal or polyclonal antibody) having specific binding affinity to a kinase polypeptide or a kinase polypeptide domain or fragment where the polypeptide is selected from the group having an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of those set forth in SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID 10 NO:60, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO: 64, SEQ ID NO: 65, SEQ ID NO: 66, SEQ ID NO: 67, SEQ ID NO: 68, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:71, SEQ ID NO:72, SEQ ID NO:73, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:78, SEQ ID NO:79, SEQ ID NO:80, SEQ ID NO:81, SEQ ID NO:82, SEQ ID NO:83, SEQ ID NO:84, SEQ ID NO:85, SEQ ID NO:86, SEQ ID NO:87, SEQ ID NO:88, 15 SEQ ID NO:89, SEQ ID NO:90, SEQ ID NO:91, SEQ ID NO:92, SEQ ID NO:93, SEQ ID NO:94, SEQ ID NO:95, SEQ ID NO:96, SEQ ID NO:97, SEQ ID NO:98, SEQ ID NO:99, SEQ ID NO:100, SEQ ID NO:101, SEQ ID NO:102, SEQ ID NO:103, SEQ ID NO:104, SEQ ID NO:105, SEQ ID NO:106, SEQ ID NO:107, SEQ ID NO:108, SEQ ID NO:109, SEQ ID NO:110, SEQ ID NO:111, SEQ ID NO:112, SEQ ID NO:113, and SEQ ID NO:114. By 20 “specific binding affinity” is meant that the antibody binds to the target kinase polypeptide with greater affinity than it binds to other polypeptides under specified conditions. Antibodies or antibody fragments are polypeptides that contain regions that can bind other polypeptides. The term “specific binding affinity” describes an antibody that binds to a kinase polypeptide with greater affinity than it binds to other polypeptides under specified conditions.. Antibodies can be 25 used to identify an endogenous source of kinase polypeptides, to monitor cell cycle regulation, and for immuno-localization of kinase polypeptides within the cell.

The term “polyclonal” refers to antibodies that are heterogenous populations of antibody molecules derived from the sera of animals immunized with an antigen or an antigenic functional derivative thereof. For the production of polyclonal antibodies, various host animals may be

immunized by injection with the antigen. Various adjuvants may be used to increase the immunological response, depending on the host species.

“Monoclonal antibodies” are substantially homogenous populations of antibodies to a particular antigen. They may be obtained by any technique which provides for the production of antibody molecules by continuous cell lines in culture. Monoclonal antibodies may be obtained by methods known to those skilled in the art (Kohler *et al.*, *Nature* 256:495-497, 1975, and U.S. Patent No. 4,37 6,110, both of which are hereby incorporated by reference herein in their entirety including any figures, tables, or drawings).

The term “antibody fragment” refers to a portion of an antibody, often the hypervariable region and portions of the surrounding heavy and light chains, that displays specific binding affinity for a particular molecule. A hypervariable region is a portion of an antibody that physically binds to the polypeptide target.

Antibodies or antibody fragments having specific binding affinity to a kinase polypeptide of the invention may be used in methods for detecting the presence and/or amount of kinase polypeptide in a sample by probing the sample with the antibody under conditions suitable for kinase-antibody immunocomplex formation and detecting the presence and/or amount of the antibody conjugated to the kinase polypeptide. Diagnostic kits for performing such methods may be constructed to include antibodies or antibody fragments specific for the kinase as well as a conjugate of a binding partner of the antibodies or the antibodies themselves.

An antibody or antibody fragment with specific binding affinity to a kinase polypeptide of the invention can be isolated, enriched, or purified from a prokaryotic or eukaryotic organism. Routine methods known to those skilled in the art enable production of antibodies or antibody fragments, in both prokaryotic and eukaryotic organisms. Purification, enrichment, and isolation of antibodies, which are polypeptide molecules, are described above.

Antibodies having specific binding affinity to a kinase polypeptide of the invention may be used in methods for detecting the presence and/or amount of kinase polypeptide in a sample by contacting the sample with the antibody under conditions such that an immunocomplex forms and detecting the presence and/or amount of the antibody conjugated to the kinase polypeptide. Diagnostic kits for performing such methods may be constructed to include a first container containing the antibody and a second container having a conjugate of a binding partner of the

antibody and a label, such as, for example, a radioisotope. The diagnostic kit may also include notification of an FDA approved use and instructions therefor.

In another aspect, the invention features a hybridoma which produces an antibody having specific binding affinity to a kinase polypeptide or a kinase polypeptide domain, where the

5 polypeptide is selected from the group having an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of those set forth in SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO: 64, SEQ ID NO: 65, SEQ ID NO: 66, SEQ ID NO: 67, SEQ ID NO: 68, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:71, SEQ ID NO:72, SEQ ID NO:73, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:78,
10 SEQ ID NO:79, SEQ ID NO:80, SEQ ID NO:81, SEQ ID NO:82, SEQ ID NO:83, SEQ ID NO:84, SEQ ID NO:85, SEQ ID NO:86, SEQ ID NO:87, SEQ ID NO:88, SEQ ID NO:89, SEQ ID NO:90, SEQ ID NO:91, SEQ ID NO:92, SEQ ID NO:93, SEQ ID NO:94, SEQ ID NO:95, SEQ ID NO:96, SEQ ID NO:97, SEQ ID NO:98, SEQ ID NO:99, SEQ ID NO:100, SEQ ID NO:101, SEQ ID NO:102, SEQ ID NO:103, SEQ ID NO:104, SEQ ID NO:105, SEQ ID
15 NO:106, SEQ ID NO:107, SEQ ID NO:108, SEQ ID NO:109, SEQ ID NO:110, SEQ ID NO:111, SEQ ID NO:112, SEQ ID NO:113, and SEQ ID NO:114. By "hybridoma" is meant an immortalized cell line that is capable of secreting an antibody, for example an antibody to a kinase of the invention. In preferred embodiments, the antibody to the kinase comprises a sequence of amino acids that is able to specifically bind a kinase polypeptide of the invention.

20 In another aspect, the present invention is also directed to kits comprising antibodies that bind to a polypeptide encoded by any of the nucleic acid molecules described above, and a negative control antibody.

25 The term "negative control antibody" refers to an antibody derived from similar source as the antibody having specific binding affinity, but where it displays no binding affinity to a polypeptide of the invention.

In another aspect, the invention features a kinase polypeptide binding agent able to bind to a kinase polypeptide selected from the group having (a) an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of those set forth in SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO: 64, SEQ ID NO: 65, SEQ ID NO: 66, SEQ ID NO: 67, SEQ ID NO: 68, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:71, SEQ ID

NO:72, SEQ ID NO:73, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:78, SEQ ID NO:79, SEQ ID NO:80, SEQ ID NO:81, SEQ ID NO:82, SEQ ID NO:83, SEQ ID NO:84, SEQ ID NO:85, SEQ ID NO:86, SEQ ID NO:87, SEQ ID NO:88, SEQ ID NO:89, SEQ ID NO:90, SEQ ID NO:91, SEQ ID NO:92, SEQ ID NO:93, SEQ ID NO:94, SEQ 5 ID NO:95, SEQ ID NO:96, SEQ ID NO:97, SEQ ID NO:98, SEQ ID NO:99, SEQ ID NO:100, SEQ ID NO:101, SEQ ID NO:102, SEQ ID NO:103, SEQ ID NO:104, SEQ ID NO:105, SEQ ID NO:106, SEQ ID NO:107, SEQ ID NO:108, SEQ ID NO:109, SEQ ID NO:110, SEQ ID NO:111, SEQ ID NO:112, SEQ ID NO:113, and SEQ ID NO:114. The binding agent is 10 preferably a purified antibody that recognizes an epitope present on a kinase polypeptide of the invention. Other binding agents include molecules that bind to kinase polypeptides and analogous molecules that bind to a kinase polypeptide. Such binding agents may be identified by using assays that measure kinase binding partner activity, such as those that measure PDGFR activity.

The invention also features a method for screening for human cells containing a kinase 15 polypeptide of the invention or an equivalent sequence. The method involves identifying the novel polypeptide in human cells using techniques that are routine and standard in the art, such as those described herein for identifying the kinases of the invention (e.g., cloning, Southern or Northern blot analysis, *in situ* hybridization, PCR amplification, etc.).

In another aspect, the invention features methods for identifying a substance that 20 modulates kinase activity comprising the steps of: (a) contacting a kinase polypeptide selected from the group having an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of those set forth in SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO:64, SEQ ID NO:65, SEQ ID NO:66, SEQ ID NO:67, SEQ ID NO:68, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:71, SEQ ID NO:72, SEQ ID NO:73, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:78, SEQ ID NO:79, SEQ 25 ID NO:80, SEQ ID NO:81, SEQ ID NO:82, SEQ ID NO:83, SEQ ID NO:84, SEQ ID NO:85, SEQ ID NO:86, SEQ ID NO:87, SEQ ID NO:88, SEQ ID NO:89, SEQ ID NO:90, SEQ ID NO:91, SEQ ID NO:92, SEQ ID NO:93, SEQ ID NO:94, SEQ ID NO:95, SEQ ID NO:96, SEQ ID NO:97, SEQ ID NO:98, SEQ ID NO:99, SEQ ID NO:100, SEQ ID NO:101, SEQ ID NO:102, SEQ ID NO:103, SEQ ID NO:104, SEQ ID NO:105, SEQ ID NO:106, SEQ ID 30 NO:107.

NO:107, SEQ ID NO:108, SEQ ID NO:109, SEQ ID NO:110, SEQ ID NO:111, SEQ ID NO:112, SEQ ID NO:113, and SEQ ID NO:114 with a test substance; (b) measuring the activity of said polypeptide; and (c) determining whether said substance modulates the activity of said polypeptide. The skilled artisan will appreciate that the kinase polypeptides of the invention, 5 including, for example, a portion of a full-length sequence such as a catalytic domain or a portion thereof, are useful for the identification of a substance which modulates kinase activity. Those kinase polypeptides having a functional activity (*e.g.*, catalytic activity as defined herein) are useful for identifying a substance that modulates kinase activity.

The term "modulates" refers to the ability of a compound to alter the function of a kinase 10 of the invention. A modulator preferably activates or inhibits the activity of a kinase of the invention depending on the concentration of the compound exposed to the kinase.

The term "modulates" also refers to altering the function of kinases of the invention by increasing or decreasing the probability that a complex forms between the kinase and a natural binding partner. A modulator preferably increases the probability that such a complex forms 15 between the kinase and the natural binding partner, more preferably increases or decreases the probability that a complex forms between the kinase and the natural binding partner depending on the concentration of the compound exposed to the kinase, and most preferably decreases the probability that a complex forms between the kinase and the natural binding partner.

The term "activates" refers to increasing the cellular activity of the kinase. The term 20 inhibit refers to decreasing the cellular activity of the kinase. Kinase activity is preferably the interaction with a natural binding partner.

The term "complex" refers to an assembly of at least two molecules bound to one another. Signal transduction complexes often contain at least two protein molecules bound to one another. For instance, a protein tyrosine receptor protein kinase, GRB2, SOS, RAF, and 25 RAS assemble to form a signal transduction complex in response to a mitogenic ligand.

The term "natural binding partner" refers to polypeptides, lipids, small molecules, or nucleic acids that bind to kinases in cells. A change in the interaction between a kinase and a natural binding partner can manifest itself as an increased or decreased probability that the interaction forms, or an increased or decreased concentration of kinase/natural binding partner 30 complex.

The term "contacting" as used herein refers to mixing a solution comprising the test compound with a liquid medium bathing the cells of the methods. The solution comprising the compound may also comprise another component, such as dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO), which facilitates the uptake of the test compound or compounds into the cells of the methods. The
5 solution comprising the test compound may be added to the medium bathing the cells by utilizing a delivery apparatus, such as a pipette-based device or syringe-based device.

In another aspect, the invention features methods for identifying a substance that modulates kinase activity in a cell comprising the steps of: (a) expressing a kinase polypeptide in a cell, wherein said polypeptide is selected from the group having an amino acid sequence
10 selected from the group consisting of those set forth in SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO: 64, SEQ ID NO: 65, SEQ ID NO: 66, SEQ ID NO: 67, SEQ ID NO: 68, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:71, SEQ ID NO:72, SEQ ID NO:73, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:78, SEQ ID NO:79, SEQ ID NO:80, SEQ ID NO:81, SEQ ID NO:82, SEQ
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20 NO:110, SEQ ID NO:111, SEQ ID NO:112, SEQ ID NO:113, and SEQ ID NO:114; (b) adding a test substance to said cell; and (c) monitoring a change in cell phenotype or the interaction between said polypeptide and a natural binding partner. The skilled artisan will appreciate that the kinase polypeptides of the invention, including, for example, a portion of a full-length sequence such as a catalytic domain or a portion thereof, are useful for the identification of a
25 substance which modulates kinase activity. Those kinase polypeptides having a functional activity (e.g., catalytic activity as defined herein) are useful for identifying a substance that modulates kinase activity.

The term "expressing" as used herein refers to the production of kinases of the invention from a nucleic acid vector containing kinase genes within a cell. The nucleic acid vector is
30 transfected into cells using well known techniques in the art as described herein.

Another aspect of the instant invention is directed to methods of identifying compounds that bind to kinase polypeptides of the present invention, comprising contacting the kinase polypeptides with a compound, and determining whether the compound binds the kinase polypeptides. Binding can be determined by binding assays which are well known to the skilled artisan, including, but not limited to, gel-shift assays, Western blots, radiolabeled competition assay, phage-based expression cloning, co-fractionation by chromatography, co-precipitation, cross linking, interaction trap/two-hybrid analysis, southwestern analysis, ELISA, and the like, which are described in, for example, *Current Protocols in Molecular Biology*, 1999, John Wiley & Sons, NY, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. The compounds to be screened include, but are not limited to, compounds of extracellular, intracellular, biological or chemical origin.

The methods of the invention also embrace compounds that are attached to a label, such as a radiolabel (e.g., ^{125}I , ^{35}S , ^{32}P , ^{33}P , ^3H), a fluorescence label, a chemiluminescent label, an enzymic label and an immunogenic label. The kinase polypeptides employed in such a test may either be free in solution, attached to a solid support, borne on a cell surface, located intracellularly or associated with a portion of a cell. One skilled in the art can, for example, measure the formation of complexes between a kinase polypeptide and the compound being tested. Alternatively, one skilled in the art can examine the diminution in complex formation between a kinase polypeptide and its substrate caused by the compound being tested.

Other assays can be used to examine enzymatic activity including, but not limited to, photometric, radiometric, HPLC, electrochemical, and the like, which are described in, for example, *Enzyme Assays: A Practical Approach*, eds. R. Eisenthal and M. J. Danson, 1992, Oxford University Press, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Another aspect of the present invention is directed to methods of identifying compounds which modulate (*i.e.*, increase or decrease) activity of a kinase polypeptide comprising contacting the kinase polypeptide with a compound, and determining whether the compound modifies activity of the kinase polypeptide. As described herein, the kinase polypeptides of the invention include a portion of a full-length sequence, such as a catalytic domain, as defined herein. In some instances, the kinase polypeptides of the invention comprise less than the entire catalytic domain, yet exhibit kinase or kinase-like activity. These compounds are also referred to

as "modulators of protein kinases." The activity in the presence of the test compound is measured to the activity in the absence of the test compound. Where the activity of a sample containing the test compound is higher than the activity in a sample lacking the test compound, the compound will have increased the activity. Similarly, where the activity of a sample 5 containing the test compound is lower than the activity in the sample lacking the test compound, the compound will have inhibited the activity.

The present invention is particularly useful for screening compounds by using a kinase polypeptide in any of a variety of drug screening techniques. The compounds to be screened include, but are not limited to, extracellular, intracellular, biological or chemical origin. The 10 kinase polypeptide employed in such a test may be in any form, preferably, free in solution, attached to a solid support, borne on a cell surface or located intracellularly. One skilled in the art can, for example, measure the formation of complexes between a kinase polypeptide and the compound being tested. Alternatively, one skilled in the art can examine the diminution in complex formation between a kinase polypeptide and its substrate caused by the compound 15 being tested.

The activity of kinase polypeptides of the invention can be determined by, for example, examining the ability to bind or be activated by chemically synthesised peptide ligands. Alternatively, the activity of the kinase polypeptides can be assayed by examining their ability to bind metal ions such as calcium, hormones, chemokines, neuropeptides, neurotransmitters, 20 nucleotides, lipids, odorants, and photons. Thus, modulators of the kinase polypeptide's activity may alter a kinase function, such as a binding property of a kinase or an activity such as signal transduction or membrane localization.

In various embodiments of the method, the assay may take the form of a yeast growth assay, an Aequorin assay, a Luciferase assay, a mitogenesis assay, a MAP Kinase activity assay, 25 as well as other binding or function-based assays of kinase activity that are generally known in the art. In several of these embodiments, the invention includes any of the receptor and non-receptor protein tyrosine kinases, receptor and non-receptor protein phosphatases, polypeptides containing SRC homology 2 and 3 domains, phosphotyrosine binding proteins (SRC homology 2 (SH2) and phosphotyrosine binding (PTB and PH) domain containing proteins), proline-rich 30 binding proteins (SH3 domain containing proteins), GTPases, phosphodiesterases,

phospholipases, prolyl isomerase, proteases, Ca²⁺ binding proteins, cAMP binding proteins, guanyl cyclases, adenylyl cyclases, NO generating proteins, nucleotide exchange factors, and transcription factors. Biological activities of kinases according to the invention include, but are not limited to, the binding of a natural or a synthetic ligand, as well as any one of the functional 5 activities of kinases known in the art. Non-limiting examples of kinase activities include transmembrane signaling of various forms, which may involve kinase binding interactions and/or the exertion of an influence over signal transduction.

The modulators of the invention exhibit a variety of chemical structures, which can be generally grouped into mimetics of natural kinase ligands, and peptide and non-peptide allosteric 10 effectors of kinases. The invention does not restrict the sources for suitable modulators, which may be obtained from natural sources such as plant, animal or mineral extracts, or non-natural sources such as small molecule libraries, including the products of combinatorial chemical approaches to library construction, and peptide libraries.

The use of cDNAs encoding kinases in drug discovery programs is well-known; assays 15 capable of testing thousands of unknown compounds per day in high-throughput screens (HTSs) are thoroughly documented. The literature is replete with examples of the use of radiolabelled ligands in HTS binding assays for drug discovery (see Williams, *Medicinal Research Reviews*, 1991, 11, 147-184.; Sweetnam, *et al.*, *J. Natural Products*, 1993, 56, 441-455 for review).

Recombinant receptors are preferred for binding assay HTS because they allow for better 20 specificity (higher relative purity), provide the ability to generate large amounts of receptor material, and can be used in a broad variety of formats (see Hodgson, *Bio/Technology*, 1992, 10, 973-980; each of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety).

A variety of heterologous systems is available for functional expression of recombinant receptors that are well known to those skilled in the art. Such systems include bacteria 25 (Strosberg, *et al.*, *Trends in Pharmacological Sciences*, 1992, 13, 95-98), yeast (Pausch, *Trends in Biotechnology*, 1997, 15, 487-494), several kinds of insect cells (Vanden Broeck, *Int. Rev. Cytology*, 1996, 164, 189-268), amphibian cells (Jayawickreme *et al.*, *Current Opinion in Biotechnology*, 1997, 8, 629-634) and several mammalian cell lines (CHO, HEK293, COS, etc.; see Gerhardt, *et al.*, *Eur. J. Pharmacology*, 1997, 334, 1-23). These examples do not preclude

the use of other possible cell expression systems, including cell lines obtained from nematodes (PCT application WO 98/37177).

An expressed kinase can be used for HTS binding assays in conjunction with its defined ligand, in this case the corresponding peptide that activates it. The identified peptide is labeled 5 with a suitable radioisotope, including, but not limited to, ^{125}I , ^3H , ^{35}S or ^{32}P , by methods that are well known to those skilled in the art. Alternatively, the peptides may be labeled by well-known methods with a suitable fluorescent derivative (Baindur, *et al.*, *Drug Dev. Res.*, 1994, 33, 373-398; Rogers, *Drug Discovery Today*, 1997, 2, 156-160). Radioactive ligand specifically bound to the receptor in membrane preparations made from the cell line expressing the recombinant 10 protein can be detected in HTS assays in one of several standard ways, including filtration of the receptor-ligand complex to separate bound ligand from unbound ligand (Williams, *Med. Res. Rev.*, 1991, 11, 147-184.; Sweetnam, *et al.*, *J. Natural Products*, 1993, 56, 441-455). Alternative methods include a scintillation proximity assay (SPA) or a FlashPlate format in which such separation is unnecessary (Nakayama, *Cur. Opinion Drug Disc. Dev.*, 1998, 1, 85-91 Bossé, *et* 15 *al.*, *J. Biomolecular Screening*, 1998, 3, 285-292.). Binding of fluorescent ligands can be detected in various ways, including fluorescence energy transfer (FRET), direct spectrophotofluorometric analysis of bound ligand, or fluorescence polarization (Rogers, *Drug Discovery Today*, 1997, 2, 156-160; Hill, *Cur. Opinion Drug Disc. Dev.*, 1998, 1, 92-97).

The kinases and natural binding partners required for functional expression of 20 heterologous kinase polypeptides can be native constituents of the host cell or can be introduced through well-known recombinant technology. The kinase polypeptides can be intact or chimeric. The kinase activation results in the stimulation or inhibition of other native proteins, events that can be linked to a measurable response.

Examples of such biological responses include, but are not limited to, the following: the 25 ability to survive in the absence of a limiting nutrient in specifically engineered yeast cells (Pausch, *Trends in Biotechnology*, 1997, 15, 487-494); changes in intracellular Ca^{2+} concentration as measured by fluorescent dyes (Murphy, *et al.*, *Cur. Opinion Drug Disc. Dev.*, 1998, 1, 192-199). Fluorescence changes can also be used to monitor ligand-induced changes in membrane potential or intracellular pH; an automated system suitable for HTS has been 30 described for these purposes (Schroeder, *et al.*, *J. Biomolecular Screening*, 1996, 1, 75-80).

Assays are also available for the measurement of common second but these are not generally preferred for HTS.

- The invention contemplates a multitude of assays to screen and identify inhibitors of ligand binding to kinase polypeptides. In one example, the kinase polypeptide is immobilized and interaction with a binding partner is assessed in the presence and absence of a candidate modulator such as an inhibitor compound. In another example, interaction between the kinase polypeptide and its binding partner is assessed in a solution assay, both in the presence and absence of a candidate inhibitor compound. In either assay, an inhibitor is identified as a compound that decreases binding between the kinase polypeptide and its natural binding partner.
- 5 Another contemplated assay involves a variation of the di-hybrid assay wherein an inhibitor of protein/protein interactions is identified by detection of a positive signal in a transformed or transfected host cell, as described in PCT publication number WO 95/20652, published August 3, 1995 and is included by reference herein including any figures, tables, or drawings.
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Candidate modulators contemplated by the invention include compounds selected from libraries of either potential activators or potential inhibitors. There are a number of different libraries used for the identification of small molecule modulators, including: (1) chemical libraries, (2) natural product libraries, and (3) combinatorial libraries comprised of random peptides, oligonucleotides or organic molecules. Chemical libraries consist of random chemical structures, some of which are analogs of known compounds or analogs of compounds that have been identified as "hits" or "leads" in other drug discovery screens, while others are derived from natural products, and still others arise from non-directed synthetic organic chemistry. Natural product libraries are collections of microorganisms, animals, plants, or marine organisms which are used to create mixtures for screening by: (1) fermentation and extraction of broths from soil, plant or marine microorganisms or (2) extraction of plants or marine organisms. Natural product libraries include polyketides, non-ribosomal peptides, and variants (non-naturally occurring) thereof. For a review, see *Science* 282:63-68 (1998). Combinatorial libraries are composed of large numbers of peptides, oligonucleotides, or organic compounds as a mixture. These libraries are relatively easy to prepare by traditional automated synthesis methods, PCR, cloning, or proprietary synthetic methods. Of particular interest are non-peptide combinatorial libraries. Still other libraries of interest include peptide, protein, peptidomimetic, multiparallel

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synthetic collection, recombinatorial, and polypeptide libraries. For a review of combinatorial chemistry and libraries created therefrom, see Myers, *Curr. Opin. Biotechnol.* 8:701-707 (1997). Identification of modulators through use of the various libraries described herein permits modification of the candidate "hit" (or "lead") to optimize the capacity of the "hit" to modulate 5 activity.

Still other candidate inhibitors contemplated by the invention can be designed and include soluble forms of binding partners, as well as such binding partners as chimeric, or fusion, proteins. A "binding partner" as used herein broadly encompasses both natural binding partners as described above as well as chimeric polypeptides, peptide modulators other than natural 10 ligands, antibodies, antibody fragments, and modified compounds comprising antibody domains that are immunospecific for the expression product of the identified kinase gene.

Other assays may be used to identify specific peptide ligands of a kinase polypeptide, including assays that identify ligands of the target protein through measuring direct binding of test ligands to the target protein, as well as assays that identify ligands of target proteins through 15 affinity ultrafiltration with ion spray mass spectroscopy/HPLC methods or other physical and analytical methods. Alternatively, such binding interactions are evaluated indirectly using the yeast two-hybrid system described in Fields *et al.*, *Nature*, 340:245-246 (1989), and Fields *et al.*, *Trends in Genetics*, 10:286-292 (1994), both of which are incorporated herein by reference. The two-hybrid system is a genetic assay for detecting interactions between two proteins or 20 polypeptides. It can be used to identify proteins that bind to a known protein of interest, or to delineate domains or residues critical for an interaction. Variations on this methodology have been developed to clone genes that encode DNA binding proteins, to identify peptides that bind to a protein, and to screen for drugs. The two-hybrid system exploits the ability of a pair of interacting proteins to bring a transcription activation domain into close proximity with a DNA 25 binding domain that binds to an upstream activation sequence (UAS) of a reporter gene, and is generally performed in yeast. The assay requires the construction of two hybrid genes encoding (1) a DNA-binding domain that is fused to a first protein and (2) an activation domain fused to a second protein. The DNA-binding domain targets the first hybrid protein to the UAS of the reporter gene; however, because most proteins lack an activation domain, this DNA-binding 30 hybrid protein does not activate transcription of the reporter gene. The second hybrid protein,

which contains the activation domain, cannot by itself activate expression of the reporter gene because it does not bind the UAS. However, when both hybrid proteins are present, the noncovalent interaction of the first and second proteins tethers the activation domain to the UAS, activating transcription of the reporter gene. For example, when the first protein is a kinase gene product, or fragment thereof, that is known to interact with another protein or nucleic acid, this assay can be used to detect agents that interfere with the binding interaction. Expression of the reporter gene is monitored as different test agents are added to the system. The presence of an inhibitory agent results in lack of a reporter signal.

When the function of the kinase polypeptide gene product is unknown and no ligands are known to bind the gene product, the yeast two-hybrid assay can also be used to identify proteins that bind to the gene product. In an assay to identify proteins that bind to a kinase polypeptide, or fragment thereof, a fusion polynucleotide encoding both a kinase polypeptide (or fragment) and a UAS binding domain (*i.e.*, a first protein) may be used. In addition, a large number of hybrid genes each encoding a different second protein fused to an activation domain are produced and screened in the assay. Typically, the second protein is encoded by one or more members of a total cDNA or genomic DNA fusion library, with each second protein coding region being fused to the activation domain. This system is applicable to a wide variety of proteins, and it is not even necessary to know the identity or function of the second binding protein. The system is highly sensitive and can detect interactions not revealed by other methods; even transient interactions may trigger transcription to produce a stable mRNA that can be repeatedly translated to yield the reporter protein.

Other assays may be used to search for agents that bind to the target protein. One such screening method to identify direct binding of test ligands to a target protein is described in U.S. Patent No. 5,585,277, incorporated herein by reference. This method relies on the principle that proteins generally exist as a mixture of folded and unfolded states, and continually alternate between the two states. When a test ligand binds to the folded form of a target protein (*i.e.*, when the test ligand is a ligand of the target protein), the target protein molecule bound by the ligand remains in its folded state. Thus, the folded target protein is present to a greater extent in the presence of a test ligand which binds the target protein, than in the absence of a ligand.

Binding of the ligand to the target protein can be determined by any method which distinguishes

between the folded and unfolded states of the target protein. The function of the target protein need not be known in order for this assay to be performed. Virtually any agent can be assessed by this method as a test ligand, including, but not limited to, metals, polypeptides, proteins, lipids, polysaccharides, polynucleotides and small organic molecules.

5 Another method for identifying ligands of a target protein is described in Wieboldt *et al.*, *Anal. Chem.*, 69:1683-1691 (1997), incorporated herein by reference. This technique screens combinatorial libraries of 20-30 agents at a time in solution phase for binding to the target protein. Agents that bind to the target protein are separated from other library components by simple membrane washing. The specifically selected molecules that are retained on the filter are
10 subsequently liberated from the target protein and analyzed by HPLC and pneumatically assisted electrospray (ion spray) ionization mass spectroscopy. This procedure selects library components with the greatest affinity for the target protein, and is particularly useful for small molecule libraries.

In preferred embodiments of the invention, methods of screening for compounds which
15 modulate kinase activity comprise contacting test compounds with kinase polypeptides and assaying for the presence of a complex between the compound and the kinase polypeptide. In such assays, the ligand is typically labelled. After suitable incubation, free ligand is separated from that present in bound form, and the amount of free or uncomplexed label is a measure of the ability of the particular compound to bind to the kinase polypeptide.

20 In another embodiment of the invention, high throughput screening for compounds having suitable binding affinity to kinase polypeptides is employed. Briefly, large numbers of different small peptide test compounds are synthesised on a solid substrate. The peptide test compounds are contacted with the kinase polypeptide and washed. Bound kinase polypeptide is then detected by methods well known in the art. Purified polypeptides of the invention can also
25 be coated directly onto plates for use in the aforementioned drug screening techniques. In addition, non-neutralizing antibodies can be used to capture the protein and immobilize it on the solid support.

Other embodiments of the invention comprise using competitive screening assays in which neutralizing antibodies capable of binding a polypeptide of the invention specifically
30 compete with a test compound for binding to the polypeptide. In this manner, the antibodies can

be used to detect the presence of any peptide that shares one or more antigenic determinants with a kinase polypeptide. Radiolabeled competitive binding studies are described in A.H. Lin *et al.* *Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy*, 1997, vol. 41, no. 10. pp. 2127-2131, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

- 5 In another aspect, the invention provides methods for treating a disease by administering to a patient in need of such treatment a substance that modulates the activity of a kinase polypeptide selected from the group consisting of those set forth in SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO: 64, SEQ ID NO: 65, SEQ ID NO: 66, SEQ ID NO: 67, SEQ ID NO: 68, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:70, 10 SEQ ID NO:71, SEQ ID NO:72, SEQ ID NO:73, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:78, SEQ ID NO:79, SEQ ID NO:80, SEQ ID NO:81, SEQ ID NO:82, SEQ ID NO:83; SEQ ID NO:84, SEQ ID NO:85, SEQ ID NO:86, SEQ ID NO:87, SEQ ID NO:88, SEQ ID NO:89, SEQ ID NO:90, SEQ ID NO:91, SEQ ID NO:92, SEQ ID NO:93, SEQ ID NO:94, SEQ ID NO:95, SEQ ID NO:96, SEQ ID NO:97, SEQ ID NO:98, SEQ 15 ID NO:99, SEQ ID NO:100, SEQ ID NO:101, SEQ ID NO:102, SEQ ID NO:103, SEQ ID NO:104, SEQ ID NO:105, SEQ ID NO:106, SEQ ID NO:107, SEQ ID NO:108, SEQ ID NO:109, SEQ ID NO:110, SEQ ID NO:111, SEQ ID NO:112, SEQ ID NO:113, and SEQ ID NO:114, as well as the full-length polypeptide thereof, or a portion of any of these sequences that retains functional activity, as described herein. Preferably the disease is selected from the group 20 consisting of cancers, immune-related diseases and disorders, cardiovascular disease, brain or neuronal-associated diseases, and metabolic disorders. More specifically these diseases include cancer of tissues, blood, or hematopoietic origin, particularly those involving breast, colon, lung, prostate, cervical, brain, ovarian, bladder, or kidney; central or peripheral nervous system diseases and conditions including migraine, pain, sexual dysfunction, mood disorders, attention 25 disorders, cognition disorders, hypotension, and hypertension; psychotic and neurological disorders, including anxiety, schizophrenia, manic depression, delirium, dementia, severe mental retardation and dyskinesias, such as Huntington's disease or Tourette's Syndrome; neurodegenerative diseases including Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Multiple sclerosis, and Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; viral or non-viral infections caused by HIV-1, HIV-2 or other 30 viral- or prion-agents or fungal- or bacterial- organisms; metabolic disorders including Diabetes

and obesity and their related syndromes, among others; cardiovascular disorders including reperfusion restenosis, coronary thrombosis, clotting disorders, unregulated cell growth disorders, atherosclerosis; ocular disease including glaucoma, retinopathy, and macular degeneration; inflammatory disorders including rheumatoid arthritis, chronic inflammatory bowel disease, chronic inflammatory pelvic disease, multiple sclerosis, asthma, osteoarthritis, psoriasis, atherosclerosis, rhinitis, autoimmunity, and organ transplant rejection.

In preferred embodiments, the invention provides methods for treating or preventing a disease or disorder by administering to a patient in need of such treatment a substance that modulates the activity of a kinase polypeptide having an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of those set forth in SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO: 64, SEQ ID NO: 65, SEQ ID NO: 66, SEQ ID NO: 67, SEQ ID NO: 68, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:71, SEQ ID NO:72, SEQ ID NO:73, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:78, SEQ ID NO:79, SEQ ID NO:80, SEQ ID NO:81, SEQ ID NO:82, SEQ ID NO:83, SEQ ID NO:84, SEQ ID NO:85, SEQ ID NO:86, SEQ ID NO:87, SEQ ID NO:88, SEQ ID NO:89, SEQ ID NO:90, SEQ ID NO:91, SEQ ID NO:92, SEQ ID NO:93, SEQ ID NO:94, SEQ ID NO:95, SEQ ID NO:96, SEQ ID NO:97, SEQ ID NO:98, SEQ ID NO:99, SEQ ID NO:100, SEQ ID NO:101, SEQ ID NO:102, SEQ ID NO:103, SEQ ID NO:104, SEQ ID NO:105, SEQ ID NO:106, SEQ ID NO:107, SEQ ID NO:108, SEQ ID NO:109, SEQ ID NO:110, SEQ ID NO:111, SEQ ID NO:112, SEQ ID NO:113, and SEQ ID NO:114, as well as the full-length polypeptide thereof, or a portion of any of these sequences that retains functional activity, as described herein. Preferably, the disease is selected from the group consisting of cancers, immune-related diseases and disorders, cardiovascular disease, brain or neuronal-associated diseases, and metabolic disorders. More specifically these diseases include cancer of tissues, blood, or hematopoietic origin, particularly those involving breast, colon, lung, prostate, cervical, brain, ovarian, bladder, or kidney; central or peripheral nervous system diseases and conditions including migraine, pain, sexual dysfunction, mood disorders, attention disorders, cognition disorders, hypotension, and hypertension; psychotic and neurological disorders, including anxiety, schizophrenia, manic depression, delirium, dementia, severe mental retardation and dyskinesias, such as Huntington's disease or Tourette's Syndrome; neurodegenerative diseases

including Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Multiple sclerosis, and Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; viral or non-viral infections caused by HIV-1, HIV-2 or other viral- or prion-agents or fungal- or bacterial- organisms; metabolic disorders including Diabetes and obesity and their related syndromes, among others; cardiovascular disorders including reperfusion restenosis, coronary 5 thrombosis, clotting disorders, unregulated cell growth disorders, atherosclerosis; ocular disease including glaucoma, retinopathy, and macular degeneration; inflammatory disorders including rheumatoid arthritis, chronic inflammatory bowel disease, chronic inflammatory pelvic disease, multiple sclerosis, asthma, osteoarthritis, psoriasis, atherosclerosis, rhinitis, autoimmunity, and organ transplant rejection.

- 10 The invention also features methods of treating or preventing a disease or disorder by administering to a patient in need of such treatment a substance that modulates the activity of a kinase polypeptide having an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of those set forth in SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO: 64, SEQ ID NO: 65, SEQ ID NO: 66, SEQ ID NO: 67, SEQ ID 15 NO: 68, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:71, SEQ ID NO:72, SEQ ID NO:73, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:78, SEQ ID NO:79, SEQ ID NO:80, SEQ ID NO:81, SEQ ID NO:82, SEQ ID NO:83, SEQ ID NO:84, SEQ ID NO:85, SEQ ID NO:86, SEQ ID NO:87, SEQ ID NO:88, SEQ ID NO:89, SEQ ID NO:90, SEQ ID NO:91, SEQ ID NO:92, SEQ ID NO:93, SEQ ID NO:94, SEQ ID NO:95, SEQ ID NO:96, 20 SEQ ID NO:97, SEQ ID NO:98, SEQ ID NO:99, SEQ ID NO:100, SEQ ID NO:101, SEQ ID NO:102, SEQ ID NO:103, SEQ ID NO:104, SEQ ID NO:105, SEQ ID NO:106, SEQ ID NO:107, SEQ ID NO:108, SEQ ID NO:109, SEQ ID NO:110, SEQ ID NO:111, SEQ ID NO:112, SEQ ID NO:113, and SEQ ID NO:114, as well as the full-length polypeptide thereof, or a portion of any of these sequences that retains functional activity, as described herein.
- 25 Preferably the disease is selected from the group consisting of cancers, immune-related diseases and disorders, cardiovascular disease, brain or neuronal-associated diseases, and metabolic disorders. More specifically these diseases include cancer of tissues, blood, or hematopoietic origin, particularly those involving breast, colon, lung, prostate, cervical, brain, ovarian, bladder, or kidney; central or peripheral nervous system diseases and conditions including migraine, pain, 30 sexual dysfunction, mood disorders, attention disorders, cognition disorders, hypotension, and

hypertension; psychotic and neurological disorders, including anxiety, schizophrenia, manic depression, delirium, dementia, severe mental retardation and dyskinesias, such as Huntington's disease or Tourette's Syndrome; neurodegenerative diseases including Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Multiple sclerosis, and Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; viral or non-viral infections caused by

5 HIV-1, HIV-2 or other viral- or prion-agents or fungal- or bacterial- organisms; metabolic disorders including Diabetes and obesity and their related syndromes, among others; cardiovascular disorders including reperfusion restenosis, coronary thrombosis, clotting disorders, unregulated cell growth disorders, atherosclerosis; ocular disease including glaucoma, retinopathy, and macular degeneration; inflammatory disorders including rheumatoid arthritis,

10 chronic inflammatory bowel disease, chronic inflammatory pelvic disease, multiple sclerosis, asthma, osteoarthritis, psoriasis, atherosclerosis, rhinitis, autoimmunity, and organ transplant rejection.

The invention also features methods of treating or preventing a disease or disorder by administering to a patient in need of such treatment a substance that modulates the activity of a kinase polypeptide having an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting those set forth in SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO: 64, SEQ ID NO: 65, SEQ ID NO: 66, SEQ ID NO: 67, SEQ ID NO: 68, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:71, SEQ ID NO:72, SEQ ID NO:73, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:78, SEQ ID NO:79, SEQ ID NO:80, SEQ ID NO:81, SEQ ID NO:82, SEQ ID NO:83, SEQ ID NO:84, SEQ ID NO:85, SEQ ID NO:86, SEQ ID NO:87, SEQ ID NO:88, SEQ ID NO:89, SEQ ID NO:90, SEQ ID NO:91, SEQ ID NO:92, SEQ ID NO:93, SEQ ID NO:94, SEQ ID NO:95, SEQ ID NO:96, SEQ ID NO:97, SEQ ID NO:98, SEQ ID NO:99, SEQ ID NO:100, SEQ ID NO:101, SEQ ID NO:102, SEQ ID NO:103, SEQ ID NO:104, SEQ ID NO:105, SEQ ID NO:106, SEQ ID NO:107, SEQ ID NO:108, SEQ ID NO:109, SEQ ID NO:110, SEQ ID NO:111, SEQ ID NO:112, SEQ ID NO:113, and SEQ ID NO:114, as well as the full-length polypeptide thereof, or a portion of any of these sequences that retains functional activity, as described herein. Preferably the disease is selected from the group consisting of immune-related diseases and disorders, cardiovascular disease, and cancer. More preferably these diseases include cancer of tissues, blood, or hematopoietic origin, particularly those involving breast, colon, lung, prostate,

cervical, brain, ovarian, bladder, or kidney; central or peripheral nervous system diseases and conditions including migraine, pain, sexual dysfunction, mood disorders, attention disorders, cognition disorders, hypotension, and hypertension; psychotic and neurological disorders, including anxiety, schizophrenia, manic depression, delirium, dementia, severe mental

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10 reperfusion restenosis, coronary thrombosis, clotting disorders, unregulated cell growth disorders, atherosclerosis; ocular disease including glaucoma, retinopathy, and macular degeneration; inflammatory disorders including rheumatoid arthritis, chronic inflammatory bowel disease, chronic inflammatory pelvic disease, multiple sclerosis, asthma, osteoarthritis, psoriasis, atherosclerosis, rhinitis, autoimmunity, and organ transplant rejection. Most

15 preferably, the immune-related diseases and disorders are selected from the group consisting of rheumatoid arthritis, chronic inflammatory bowel disease, chronic inflammatory pelvic disease, multiple sclerosis, asthma, osteoarthritis, psoriasis, atherosclerosis, rhinitis, autoimmunity, and organ transplantation.

Substances useful for treatment of kinase-related disorders or diseases preferably show

20 positive results in one or more *in vitro* assays for an activity corresponding to treatment of the disease or disorder in question (Examples of such assays are provided in the references in section VI, below; and in Example 7, herein). Examples of substances that can be screened for favorable activity are provided and referenced in section VI, below. The substances that modulate the activity of the kinases preferably include, but are not limited to, antisense oligonucleotides and

25 inhibitors of protein kinases, as determined by methods and screens referenced in section VI and Example 7, below.

The term "preventing" refers to decreasing the probability that an organism contracts or develops an abnormal condition.

The term "treating" refers to having a therapeutic effect and at least partially alleviating

30 or abrogating an abnormal condition in the organism.

The term "therapeutic effect" refers to the inhibition or activation factors causing or contributing to the abnormal condition. A therapeutic effect relieves to some extent one or more of the symptoms of the abnormal condition. In reference to the treatment of abnormal conditions, a therapeutic effect can refer to one or more of the following: (a) an increase in the proliferation, growth, and/or differentiation of cells; (b) inhibition (*i.e.*, slowing or stopping) of cell death; (c) inhibition of degeneration; (d) relieving to some extent one or more of the symptoms associated with the abnormal condition; and (e) enhancing the function of the affected population of cells. Compounds demonstrating efficacy against abnormal conditions can be identified as described herein.

10 The term "abnormal condition" refers to a function in the cells or tissues of an organism that deviates from their normal functions in that organism. An abnormal condition can relate to cell proliferation, cell differentiation, or cell survival.

15 Abnormal cell proliferative conditions include cancers such as fibrotic and mesangial disorders, abnormal angiogenesis and vasculogenesis, wound healing, psoriasis, diabetes mellitus, and inflammation.

Abnormal differentiation conditions include, but are not limited to neurodegenerative disorders, slow wound healing rates, and slow tissue grafting healing rates.

20 Abnormal cell survival conditions relate to conditions in which programmed cell death (apoptosis) pathways are activated or abrogated. A number of protein kinases are associated with the apoptosis pathways. Aberrations in the function of any one of the protein kinases could lead to cell immortality or premature cell death.

25 The term "aberration", in conjunction with the function of a kinase in a signal transduction process, refers to a kinase that is over- or under-expressed in an organism, mutated such that its catalytic activity is lower or higher than wild-type protein kinase activity, mutated such that it can no longer interact with a natural binding partner, is no longer modified by another protein kinase or protein phosphatase, or no longer interacts with a natural binding partner.

30 The term "administering" relates to a method of incorporating a compound into cells or tissues of an organism. The abnormal condition can be prevented or treated when the cells or tissues of the organism exist within the organism or outside of the organism. Cells existing

outside the organism can be maintained or grown in cell culture dishes. For cells harbored within the organism, many techniques exist in the art to administer compounds, including (but not limited to) oral, parenteral, dermal, injection, and aerosol applications. For cells outside of the organism, multiple techniques exist in the art to administer the compounds, including (but not limited to) cell microinjection techniques, transformation techniques, and carrier techniques.

5 The abnormal condition can also be prevented or treated by administering a compound to a group of cells having an aberration in a signal transduction pathway to an organism. The effect of administering a compound on organism function can then be monitored. The organism is preferably a mouse, rat, rabbit, guinea pig, or goat, more preferably a monkey or ape, and most 10 preferably a human.

In another aspect, the invention features methods for detection of a kinase polypeptide in a sample as a diagnostic tool for diseases or disorders, wherein the method comprises the steps of: (a) contacting the sample with a nucleic acid probe which hybridizes under hybridization assay conditions to a nucleic acid target region of a kinase polypeptide having an amino acid 15 sequence selected from the group consisting of those set forth in SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO: 64, SEQ ID NO: 65, SEQ ID NO: 66, SEQ ID NO: 67, SEQ ID NO: 68, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:71, SEQ ID NO:72, SEQ ID NO:73, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:78, SEQ ID NO:79, SEQ ID NO:80, SEQ ID NO:81, SEQ 20 ID NO:82, SEQ ID NO:83, SEQ ID NO:84, SEQ ID NO:85, SEQ ID NO:86, SEQ ID NO:87, SEQ ID NO:88, SEQ ID NO:89, SEQ ID NO:90, SEQ ID NO:91, SEQ ID NO:92, SEQ ID NO:93, SEQ ID NO:94, SEQ ID NO:95, SEQ ID NO:96, SEQ ID NO:97, SEQ ID NO:98, SEQ ID NO:99, SEQ ID NO:100, SEQ ID NO:101, SEQ ID NO:102, SEQ ID NO:103, SEQ ID NO:104, SEQ ID NO:105, SEQ ID NO:106, SEQ ID NO:107, SEQ ID NO:108, SEQ ID 25 NO:109, SEQ ID NO:110, SEQ ID NO:111, SEQ ID NO:112, SEQ ID NO:113, and SEQ ID NO:114, said probe comprising the nucleic acid sequence encoding the polypeptide, fragments thereof, and the complements of the sequences and fragments; and (b) detecting the presence or amount of the probe:target region hybrid as an indication of the disease.

In preferred embodiments of the invention, the disease or disorder is selected from the 30 group consisting of rheumatoid arthritis, arteriosclerosis, autoimmune disorders, organ

transplantation, myocardial infarction, cardiomyopathies, stroke, renal failure, oxidative stress-related neurodegenerative disorders, and cancer.

The kinase "target region" is the nucleotide base sequence selected from the group consisting of those set forth in SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ 5 ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:11, SEQ ID NO:12, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:17, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:19, SEQ ID NO:20, SEQ ID NO:21, SEQ ID NO:22, SEQ ID NO:23, SEQ ID NO:24, SEQ ID NO:25, SEQ ID NO:26, SEQ ID NO:27, SEQ ID NO:28, SEQ ID NO:29, SEQ ID NO:30, SEQ ID NO:31, SEQ ID NO:32, SEQ ID NO:33, SEQ 10 ID NO:34, SEQ ID NO:35, SEQ ID NO:36, SEQ ID NO:37, SEQ ID NO:38, SEQ ID NO:39, SEQ ID NO:40, SEQ ID NO:41, SEQ ID NO:42, SEQ ID NO:43, SEQ ID NO:44, SEQ ID NO:45, SEQ ID NO:46, SEQ ID NO:47, SEQ ID NO:48, SEQ ID NO:49, SEQ ID NO:50, SEQ ID NO:51, SEQ ID NO:52, SEQ ID NO:53, SEQ ID NO:54, SEQ ID NO:55, SEQ ID NO:56, and SEQ ID NO:57, or the corresponding full-length sequences, a functional derivative thereof, 15 or a fragment thereof, to which the nucleic acid probe will specifically hybridize. Specific hybridization indicates that in the presence of other nucleic acids the probe only hybridizes detectably with the kinase of the invention's target region. Putative target regions can be identified by methods well known in the art consisting of alignment and comparison of the most closely related sequences in the database.

20 In preferred embodiments the nucleic acid probe hybridizes to a kinase target region encoding at least 6, 12, 75, 90, 105, 120, 150, 200, 250, 300 or 350 contiguous amino acids of a sequence selected from the group consisting of those set forth in SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO:64, SEQ ID NO:65, SEQ ID NO:66, SEQ ID NO:67, SEQ ID NO:68, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:70, 25 SEQ ID NO:71, SEQ ID NO:72, SEQ ID NO:73, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:78, SEQ ID NO:79, SEQ ID NO:80, SEQ ID NO:81, SEQ ID NO:82, SEQ ID NO:83, SEQ ID NO:84, SEQ ID NO:85, SEQ ID NO:86, SEQ ID NO:87, SEQ ID NO:88, SEQ ID NO:89, SEQ ID NO:90, SEQ ID NO:91, SEQ ID NO:92, SEQ ID NO:93, SEQ ID NO:94, SEQ ID NO:95, SEQ ID NO:96, SEQ ID NO:97, SEQ ID NO:98, SEQ 30 ID NO:99, SEQ ID NO:100, SEQ ID NO:101, SEQ ID NO:102, SEQ ID NO:103, SEQ ID

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5 Hybridization conditions should be such that hybridization occurs only with the kinase genes in the presence of other nucleic acid molecules. Under stringent hybridization conditions only highly complementary nucleic acid sequences hybridize. Preferably, such conditions prevent hybridization of nucleic acids having more than 1 or 2 mismatches out of 20 contiguous nucleotides. Such conditions are defined *supra*.

10 The diseases for which detection of kinase genes in a sample could be diagnostic include diseases in which kinase nucleic acid (DNA and/or RNA) is amplified in comparison to normal cells. By "amplification" is meant increased numbers of kinase DNA or RNA in a cell compared with normal cells. In normal cells, kinases are typically found as single copy genes. In selected diseases, the chromosomal location of the kinase genes may be amplified, resulting in multiple 15 copies of the gene, or amplification. Gene amplification can lead to amplification of kinase RNA, or kinase RNA can be amplified in the absence of kinase DNA amplification.

20 "Amplification" as it refers to RNA can be the detectable presence of kinase RNA in cells, since in some normal cells there is no basal expression of kinase RNA. In other normal cells, a basal level of expression of kinase exists, therefore in these cases amplification is the detection of at least 1-2-fold, and preferably more, kinase RNA, compared to the basal level.

25 The diseases that could be diagnosed by detection of kinase nucleic acid in a sample preferably include cancers. The test samples suitable for nucleic acid probing methods of the present invention include, for example, cells or nucleic acid extracts of cells, or biological fluids. The samples used in the above-described methods will vary based on the assay format, the detection method and the nature of the tissues, cells or extracts to be assayed. Methods for preparing nucleic acid extracts of cells are well known in the art and can be readily adapted in order to obtain a sample that is compatible with the method utilized.

30 The invention also features a method for detection of a kinase polypeptide in a sample as a diagnostic tool for a disease or disorder, wherein the method comprises: (a) comparing a nucleic acid target region encoding the kinase polypeptide in a sample, where the kinase

polypeptide has an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting those set forth in SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO: 64, SEQ ID NO: 65, SEQ ID NO: 66, SEQ ID NO: 67, SEQ ID NO: 68, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:71, SEQ ID NO:72, SEQ ID NO:73, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:78, SEQ ID NO:79, SEQ ID NO:80, SEQ ID NO:81, SEQ ID NO:82, SEQ ID NO:83, SEQ ID NO:84, SEQ ID NO:85, SEQ ID NO:86, SEQ ID NO:87, SEQ ID NO:88, SEQ ID NO:89, SEQ ID NO:90, SEQ ID NO:91, SEQ ID NO:92, SEQ ID NO:93, SEQ ID NO:94, SEQ ID NO:95, SEQ ID NO:96, SEQ ID NO:97, SEQ ID NO:98, SEQ ID NO:99, SEQ ID NO:100, SEQ ID NO:101, SEQ ID NO:102, SEQ ID NO:103, SEQ ID NO:104, SEQ ID NO:105, SEQ ID NO:106, SEQ ID NO:107, SEQ ID NO:108, SEQ ID NO:109, SEQ ID NO:110, SEQ ID NO:111, SEQ ID NO:112, SEQ ID NO:113, and SEQ ID NO:114, or one or more fragments thereof, with a control nucleic acid target region encoding the kinase polypeptide, or one or more fragments thereof; and (b) detecting differences in sequence or amount between the target region and the control target region, as an indication of the disease or disorder. Preferably the disease is selected from the group consisting of cancers, immune-related diseases and disorders, cardiovascular disease, brain or neuronal-associated diseases, and metabolic disorders. More specifically these diseases include cancer of tissues, blood, or hematopoietic origin, particularly those involving breast, colon, lung, prostate, cervical, brain, ovarian, bladder, or kidney; central or peripheral nervous system diseases and conditions including migraine, pain, sexual dysfunction, mood disorders, attention disorders, cognition disorders, hypotension, and hypertension; psychotic and neurological disorders, including anxiety, schizophrenia, manic depression, delirium, dementia, severe mental retardation and dyskinesias, such as Huntington's disease or Tourette's Syndrome; neurodegenerative diseases including Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, 25 Multiple sclerosis, and Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; viral or non-viral infections caused by HIV-1, HIV-2 or other viral- or prion-agents or fungal- or bacterial- organisms; metabolic disorders including Diabetes and obesity and their related syndromes, among others; cardiovascular disorders including reperfusion restenosis, coronary thrombosis, clotting disorders, unregulated cell growth disorders, atherosclerosis; ocular disease including glaucoma, 30 retinopathy, and macular degeneration; inflammatory disorders including rheumatoid arthritis,

chronic inflammatory bowel disease, chronic inflammatory pelvic disease, multiple sclerosis, asthma, osteoarthritis, psoriasis, atherosclerosis, rhinitis, autoimmunity, and organ transplant rejection.

- The term "comparing" as used herein refers to identifying discrepancies between the
- 5 nucleic acid target region isolated from a sample, and the control nucleic acid target region. The discrepancies can be in the nucleotide sequences, *e.g.* insertions, deletions, or point mutations, or in the amount of a given nucleotide sequence. Methods to determine these discrepancies in sequences are well-known to one of ordinary skill in the art. The "control" nucleic acid target region refers to the sequence or amount of the sequence found in normal cells, *e.g.* cells that are
- 10 not diseased as discussed previously.

The summary of the invention described above is not limiting and other features and advantages of the invention will be apparent from the following detailed description of the invention, and from the claims.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES

Figures 1A-1EE shows the nucleotide sequences for human protein kinases oriented in a 5' to 3' direction (SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5, 5 SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:11, SEQ ID NO:12, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:17, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:19, SEQ ID NO:20, SEQ ID NO:21, SEQ ID NO:22, SEQ ID NO:23, SEQ ID NO:24, SEQ ID NO:25, SEQ ID NO:26, SEQ ID NO:27, SEQ ID NO:28, SEQ ID NO:29, SEQ ID NO:30, SEQ ID NO:31, SEQ ID NO:32, SEQ ID NO:33, SEQ ID 10 NO:34, SEQ ID NO:35, SEQ ID NO:36, SEQ ID NO:37, SEQ ID NO:38, SEQ ID NO:39, SEQ ID NO:40, SEQ ID NO:41, SEQ ID NO:42, SEQ ID NO:43, SEQ ID NO:44, SEQ ID NO:45, SEQ ID NO:46, SEQ ID NO:47, SEQ ID NO:48, SEQ ID NO:49, SEQ ID NO:50, SEQ ID NO:51, SEQ ID NO:52, SEQ ID NO:53, SEQ ID NO:54, SEQ ID NO:55, SEQ ID NO:56, and SEQ ID NO:57).

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Figures 2A-2L show the amino acid sequences for the human protein kinases encoded by SEQ ID No. 1-57 in the direction of translation (SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO:64, SEQ ID NO:65, SEQ ID NO:66, SEQ ID NO:67, SEQ ID NO:68, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:71, SEQ ID 20 NO:72, SEQ ID NO:73, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:78, SEQ ID NO:79, SEQ ID NO:80, SEQ ID NO:81, SEQ ID NO:82, SEQ ID NO:83, SEQ ID NO:84, SEQ ID NO:85, SEQ ID NO:86, SEQ ID NO:87, SEQ ID NO:88, SEQ ID NO:89, SEQ ID NO:90, SEQ ID NO:91, SEQ ID NO:92, SEQ ID NO:93, SEQ ID NO:94, SEQ ID NO:95, SEQ ID NO:96, SEQ ID NO:97, SEQ ID NO:98, SEQ ID NO:99, SEQ ID NO:100, 25 SEQ ID NO:101, SEQ ID NO:102, SEQ ID NO:103, SEQ ID NO:104, SEQ ID NO:105, SEQ ID NO:106, SEQ ID NO:107, SEQ ID NO:108, SEQ ID NO:109, SEQ ID NO:110, SEQ ID NO:111, SEQ ID NO:112, SEQ ID NO:113, and SEQ ID NO:114). Some of the sequences encode predicted stop codons within the coding region, indicated by an 'x.'

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The invention provides, *inter alia*, protein kinase and kinase-like genes, as well as fragments thereof, which have been identified in genomic databases. In part, the invention 5 provides nucleic acid molecules that are capable of encoding polypeptides having a kinase or kinase-like activity. By reference to Tables 1 though 8, below, genes of the invention can be better understood. The invention additionally provides a number of different embodiments, such as those described below.

10 Nucleic Acids

Associations of chromosomal localizations for mapped genes with amplicons implicated in cancer are based on literature searches (PubMed http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi), OMIM searches (Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man, http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Omim/searchomim.html) and the comprehensive database 15 of cancer amplicons maintained by Knuutila, et al. (Knuutila, et al., DNA copy number amplifications in human neoplasms. Review of comparative genomic hybridization studies. Am J Pathol 152:1107-1123, 1998. <http://www.helsinki.fi/~lgl/www/CMG.html>). For many of the mapped genes, the cytogenetic region from Knuutila is listed followed by the number of cases with documented amplification and the total number of cases studied. Thus for SGK187, the 20 entry "non-small cell lung cancer (12q24.1-24.3; 2/50)" means that the chromosomal position has been associated with non-small cell lung cancer, at position 12q24.1-24.3, which encompasses the SGK087's position, and the amplification has been noted in 2 of the 50 samples studied.

For single nucleotide polymorphisms, an accession number (for example, ss1581624 for 25 SGK187) is given if the SNP is documented in dbSNP (the database of single nucleotide polymorphisms) maintained at NCBI (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/SNP/index.html>). The accession number for SNP can be used to retrieve the full SNP-containing sequence from this site. Candidate SNPs without a dbSNP accession number were identified by inspection of Blastn

outputs of the patent sequences vs cDNA and genomic databases as indicated, for example, in Tables 9 and 10, provided in Example 1.

Nucleic Acid Probes, Methods, and Kits for Detection of Kinases

5 The invention additionally provides nucleic acid probes and uses therefor. A nucleic acid probe of the present invention may be used to probe an appropriate chromosomal or cDNA library by usual hybridization methods to obtain other nucleic acid molecules of the present invention. A chromosomal DNA or cDNA library may be prepared from appropriate cells according to recognized methods in the art (*cf.* "Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual",
10 second edition, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Sambrook, Fritsch, & Maniatis, eds., 1989).

In the alternative, chemical synthesis can be carried out in order to obtain nucleic acid probes having nucleotide sequences which correspond to N-terminal and C-terminal portions of the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of interest. The synthesized nucleic acid probes may be used as primers in a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) carried out in accordance with
15 recognized PCR techniques, essentially according to PCR Protocols, "A Guide to Methods and Applications", Academic Press, Michael, *et al.*, eds., 1990, utilizing the appropriate chromosomal or cDNA library to obtain the fragment of the present invention.

One skilled in the art can readily design such probes based on the sequence disclosed herein using methods of computer alignment and sequence analysis known in the art ("Molecular
20 Cloning: A Laboratory Manual", 1989, *supra*). The hybridization probes of the present invention can be labeled by standard labeling techniques such as with a radiolabel, enzyme label, fluorescent label, biotin-avidin label, chemiluminescence, and the like. After hybridization, the probes may be visualized using known methods.

The nucleic acid probes of the present invention include RNA, as well as DNA probes,
25 such probes being generated using techniques known in the art. The nucleic acid probe may be immobilized on a solid support. Examples of such solid supports include, but are not limited to, plastics such as polycarbonate, complex carbohydrates such as agarose and sepharose, and acrylic resins, such as polyacrylamide and latex beads. Techniques for coupling nucleic acid probes to such solid supports are well known in the art.

The test samples suitable for nucleic acid probing methods of the present invention include, for example, cells or nucleic acid extracts of cells, or biological fluids. The samples used in the above-described methods will vary based on the assay format, the detection method and the nature of the tissues, cells or extracts to be assayed. Methods for preparing nucleic acid 5 extracts of cells are well known in the art and can be readily adapted in order to obtain a sample which is compatible with the method utilized.

One method of detecting the presence of nucleic acids of the invention in a sample comprises (a) contacting said sample with the above-described nucleic acid probe under conditions such that hybridization occurs, and (b) detecting the presence of said probe bound to 10 said nucleic acid molecule. One skilled in the art would select the nucleic acid probe according to techniques known in the art as described above. Samples to be tested include but should not be limited to RNA samples of human tissue.

A kit for detecting the presence of nucleic acids of the invention in a sample comprises at least one container means having disposed therein the above-described nucleic acid probe. The 15 kit may further comprise other containers comprising one or more of the following: wash reagents and reagents capable of detecting the presence of bound nucleic acid probe. Examples of detection reagents include, but are not limited to radiolabelled probes, enzymatic labeled probes (horseradish peroxidase, alkaline phosphatase), and affinity labeled probes (biotin, avidin, or streptavidin). Preferably, the kit further comprises instructions for use.

20 In detail, a compartmentalized kit includes any kit in which reagents are contained in separate containers. Such containers include small glass containers, plastic containers or strips of plastic or paper. Such containers allow the efficient transfer of reagents from one compartment to another compartment such that the samples and reagents are not cross-contaminated and the agents or solutions of each container can be added in a quantitative fashion 25 from one compartment to another. Such containers will include a container which will accept the test sample, a container which contains the probe or primers used in the assay, containers which contain wash reagents (such as phosphate buffered saline, Tris-buffers, and the like), and containers which contain the reagents used to detect the hybridized probe, bound antibody, amplified product, or the like. One skilled in the art will readily recognize that the nucleic acid

probes described in the present invention can readily be incorporated into one of the established kit formats which are well known in the art.

CATEGORIZATION OF THE POLYPEPTIDES ACCORDING TO THE INVENTION

For a number of protein kinases of the invention, there is provided a classification of the 5 protein class and family to which it belongs, a summary of non-catalytic protein motifs, as well as a chromosomal location. This information is useful in determining function, regulation and/or therapeutic utility for each of the proteins. Amplification of chromosomal region can be associated with various cancers. For amplicons discussed in this application, the source of information was Knuutila, et al (Knuutila S, Björkqvist A-M, Autio K, Tarkkanen M, Wolf M, 10 Monni O, Szymanska J, Laramendi ML, Tapper J, Pere H, El-Rifai W, Hemmer S, Wasenius V-M, Vidgren V & Zhu Y: DNA copy number amplifications in human neoplasms. Review of comparative genomic hybridization studies. Am J Pathol 152:1107-1123, 1998.
<http://www.helsinki.fi/~lgl/www/CMG.html>).

The kinase classification and protein domains often reflect pathways, cellular roles, or 15 mechanisms of up- or down-stream regulation. Also disease-relevant genes often occur in families of related genes. For example, if one member of a kinase family functions as an oncogene, a tumor suppressor, or has been found to be disrupted in an immune, neurologic, cardiovascular, or metabolic disorder, frequently other family members may play a related role.

The expression analysis organizes kinases into groups that are transcriptionally upregulated 20 in tumors and those that are more restricted to specific tumor types such as melanoma or prostate. This analysis also identifies genes that are regulated in a cell cycle dependent manner, and are therefore likely to be involved in maintaining cell cycle checkpoints, entry, progression, or exit from mitosis, oversee DNA repair, or are involved in cell proliferation and genome stability. Expression data also can identify genes expressed in endothelial sources or other 25 tissues that suggest a role in angiogenesis, thereby implicating them as targets for control of diseases that have an angiogenic component, such as cancer, endometriosis, retinopathy and macular degeneration, and various ischemic or vascular pathologies. A proteins' role in cell survival can also be suggested based on restricted expression in cells subjected to external stress such as oxidative damage, hypoxia, drugs such as cisplatin, or irradiation. Metastases- 30 associated genes can be implicated when expression is restricted to invading regions of a tumor,

or is only seen in local or distant metastases compared to the primary tumor, or when a gene is upregulated during cell culture models of invasion, migration, or motility.

Chromosomal location can identify candidate targets for a tumor amplicon or a tumor-suppressor locus. Summaries of prevalent tumor amplicons are available in the literature, and
5 can identify tumor types to experimentally be confirmed to contain amplified copies of a kinase gene which localizes to an adjacent region.

As described herein, the polypeptides of the present invention can be classified, for example, among ten different groups. The salient features related to the biological and clinical implications of these different groups are described hereafter in more general terms.

10 A more specific characterization of the polypeptides of the invention, including potential biological and clinical implications, is provided, e.g., in EXAMPLES 2a and 2b.

CLASSIFICATION OF POLYPEPTIDES EXHIBITING KINASE ACTIVITY

15 The following information also is referenced, for example, at Tables 1 and 2.

AGC Group

Family members are described that belong to the AGC group of protein kinases. The AGC group of protein kinases includes as its major prototypes protein kinase C (PKC), cAMP-
20 dependent protein kinases (PKA), the G protein-coupled receptor kinases (ARK and rhodopsin kinase (GRK1)) as well as p70S6K and AKT.

Potential biological and clinical implications of the novel AGC group protein kinases are described in Example 2e. Novel AGC group kinases include: SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:63, and SEQ ID NO:64.

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CAMK Group

Family members are described that belong to the CAMK group of protein kinases. The CAMK group of protein kinases includes as its major prototypes the calmodulin-dependent protein kinases, elongation factor-2 kinases, phosphorylase kinase and the Snf1 and cAMP-
30 dependent family of protein kinases.

Potential biological and clinical implications of the novel CAMK group of protein kinases are described in Example 2e. Novel CAMK group of protein kinases include: SEQ ID NO:65, SEQ ID NO:66, SEQ ID NO:67, SEQ ID NO:68, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:77, and SEQ ID NO:78.

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Casein kinase group

Family members are described that belong to the casein kinase (CKI) group of protein kinases. The Casein kinase (CK) group of protein kinases includes as its major prototypes casein kinaseI (CKI) and casein kinaseII (CKII). Both CKI and CKII are ubiquitous, constitutively-active, second-messenger-independent kinases, highly conserved enzymes that exist in multiple isoforms. CKI functions in vesicular trafficking, DNA repair, cell cycle progression and cytokinesis (Cell Signal 1998 Nov;10(10):699-711). CK2 functions in cell cycle progression in non-neural cells. CK2 has also been implicated in multiple signaling pathways in normal and disease states of the mammalian nervous systems (Prog Neurobiol 2000 Feb;60(3):211-46).

15 Potential biological and clinical implications of the novel casein kinase group of protein kinases are described in Example 2e. Novel casein kinase protein kinases include: SEQ ID NO: 79, and SEQ ID NO:80.

CMGC group

20 Family members are described that belong to the cyclin-dependent kinase (CDK) group of protein kinases. The CMGC group of protein kinases includes as its major prototypes the cyclin-dependent protein kinases, as well as the MAPK kinases family, the GSK family and the CLK family of kinases.

25 Potential biological and clinical implications of the novel CMGC group of protein kinases are described in Example 2e. Novel CMGC protein kinases include: SEQ ID NO:81, SEQ ID NO:82, and SEQ ID NO: 83.

Microbial PK group

Family members are described that belong to the microbial group of protein kinases. This group is defined, for example, by the protein kinases that include ABC1, RI01, YGR262, all of

which have been initially identified from microbial genome sequencing projects (Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A 1999 Nov 23;96(24):13603-10).

Potential biological and clinical implications of the novel microbial group of protein kinases are described in Example 2e. Novel microbial protein kinases include SEQ ID NO:84, 5 SEQ ID NO:85, and SEQ ID NO:86.

“Other” group

Family members are described that belong to the “Other” group of protein kinases.

Within this group of protein kinases are members that have recognizable catalytic motifs that are 10 identifiable by a hidden Markov model analysis, but fail to cluster with other protein kinases on the basis of their amino acid sequence homology over the catalytic region.

Potential biological and clinical implications of the novel protein kinases belonging to the Other group are described in Example 2e. Novel “Other” protein kinases include: SEQ ID NO: 87, SEQ ID NO: 88, SEQ ID NO:89, SEQ ID NO:90, SEQ ID NO:91, SEQ ID NO:92, SEQ ID 15 NO:93 , SEQ ID NO:94, SEQ ID NO:95, SEQ ID NO:96, SEQ ID NO:97, SEQ ID NO:98, SEQ ID NO:99, SEQ ID NO:100, and SEQ ID NO:101.

The STE Group

Family members are described that belong to the STE group of protein kinases. The STE 20 group of protein kinases includes, as its major prototypes, the NEK kinases, as well as the STE11 and STE20 family of sterile protein kinases.

Potential biological and clinical implications of the novel protein kinases belonging to the STE group are described in Example 2e. Novel STE protein kinases include: SEQ ID NO:102, SEQ ID NO:103, SEQ ID NO:104, SEQ ID NO:105, SEQ ID NO:106, SEQ ID NO:107, SEQ 25 ID NO:108, and SEQ ID NO:109.

The TK group

Family members are described that belong to the tyrosine kinase (TK) group of protein 30 kinases. The TK group of protein kinases includes as its major prototypes the cytoplasmic and receptor families of protein kinases.

One family within this group of kinases is the "Eph" family. The Eph family, which is the largest sub-family of receptor tyrosine kinases in the human genome, has a stereotyped structure consisting of an N-terminal globular domain involved in ligand binding, two Type III fibronectin-like domains which contribute to receptor dimerization, a transmembrane domain, 5 and an intracellular tyrosine kinase domain. The Eph family is composed of two subfamilies: the EphA receptors which generally bind to members of the GPI-linked Ephrin A family of ligands, and the EphB receptors which generally bind to the transmembrane Ephrin B family of ligands. Based on sequence similarity comparisons, EphA9 – to which the polypeptide represented by SEQ ID NO:110 belongs, is a member of the EphA subfamily of receptors.

10 Investigation of the Eph family of receptors indicate their involvement in a wide variety of cellular processes. Activation of Eph receptors can lead to changes in intracellular signaling, cell adhesion, cytoskeleton effects, and synaptic remodeling. These Eph-dependent cellular effects in turn contribute to changes in tissue functions such as border formation, pattern formation, cell migration, neurogenesis, angiogenesis, and long term potentiation, among others. 15 As a member of the Eph family, we expect that EphA9 will be involved in many of these functions as well.

20 Expression data for EphA9 indicate that it is expressed most prominently in the human central nervous system, the digestive system (especially in the colon and rectum) and the testes. Therefore, EphA9 may be involved in organization and function of the digestive tract, including the colon, and could contribute colorectal tumorigenesis and other disorders of the digestive tract.

25 EphA9 found in the nervous system could be involved in synaptogenesis, neuronal development and regeneration, axon outgrowth, and synaptic transmission. Therefore EphA9 might be important in neuronal survival and regeneration after injury, in long-term potentiation and memory formation, and in disorders of synaptic transmission such as epilepsy, depression, Parkinson's disease, and Alzheimer's disease.

Several Eph family receptors previously have been shown to be critical to several aspects of angiogenesis, such as remodeling, branching, sprouting and pruning of new blood vessels. EphA9, as an additional member of this family, also may be critical for aspects of angiogenesis.

Thus, EphA9 may be relevant for a number diseases, including solid tumors, rheumatoid arthritis, and cardiovascular diseases.

Potential biological and clinical implications of the novel protein kinases belonging to the TK group are described in Example 2e. Novel TK protein kinases include: SEQ ID NO:100, and
5 SEQ ID NO:111.

CLASSIFICATION OF POLYPEPTIDES EXHIBITING KINASE-LIKE ACTIVITY

Two new family members are described that belong to the protein kinase (PK)-like insert
10 "super family" of protein kinases. The PK-like superfamily of protein kinases includes the diacyl glycerol kinases (DGK) and the guanylate cyclases (GCyc), as decribed in the EXAMPLES.

Guanylate Cyclases (GCyc) Group

Guanylate cyclases are ubiquitous enzymes that convert GTP to cGMP and exist as
15 membrane-bound and soluble isoforms. A diverse range of agonist that include peptide hormones, bacterial toxins as well as intracellular molecules such as calcium and cAMP regulate the enzymatic activity of guanylate cyclases. Stimulation of guanylate kinases modulates multiple downstream enzymes including cGMP-dependent protein kinases, cGMP-regulated phosphodiesterases, and cyclic nucleotide-gated ion channels. The modulation of cGMP levels
20 by guanylate cyclases contributes to the regulation of vascular smooth muscle motility, intestinal fluid and electrolyte homeostasis, and retinal phototransduction (Pharmacol Rev 2000 Sep;52(3):375-414). As potential novel members of the guanylate cyclase family, disruptions in the signaling pathways in which SGK007 and SGK050 participate may alter cGMP homeostasis with pathophysiological implications.

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Diacyl Glycerol kinase (DGK) Group

A diacyl glycerol kinase phosphorylates the second messenger molecule diacyl glycerol leading to the formation of phosphatidic acid. Nine mammalain DGK isozymes have been
30 described. The catalytic domain of a DGK usually is flanked by protein-protein interaction

domains such as zinc fingers, pleckstrin homology domains and ankyrin repeats, as well as calcium-binding EF-hand structures. DGK's can be associated with the plasma membrane, nucleus and cytoskeleton. Experimental evidence supports the proposition that DGK's are translocated to and from these cellular compartments in response to agonists. At these 5 intracellular locations, DGK's are able to modulate lipid metabolism and PKC activation, thereby triggering effector functions related to cell cycle progression and differentiation (*Int. J. Biochem. Cell Biol.* 1997, (10):1139-43, *J. Biol. Chem.* 1999, 274(17):11447-50.)

10 **SGK093 - The Wnk family of serine/threonine kinases**

Wnk3 is a member of a subfamily of serine/threonine kinases which includes a described prototype, Wnk1, isolated from rat. This family is characterized by an N-terminal catalytic domain with several unique sequence features, most notably a change of the invariant lysine in kinase subdomain II to a cysteine, coupled with a change of the third conserved glycine residue 15 in subdomain I into a lysine. The resulting enzyme appears to maintain catalytic activity due to this concomitant switch. Wnk3 conserves both of these catalytic changes and therefore is predicted to maintain catalytic activity. The long C-terminal portion of the wnk3s includes many protein interaction domains such as SH3 binding sites and coiled coil regions.

The wnk family catalytic domain shows the highest similarity to two families of 20 serine/threonine kinases: The MEKK-like kinases and the Ste20-like kinases. Both of these families can regulate enzymes in various MAPK signaling cascades, which are critical for many cellular processes such as mitogenesis, differentiation, cell survival, and stress response. The Ste20 kinases are also involved in regulation of the ras/rac/rho/cdc42 pathways and subsequent downstream effects on cytoskeleton.

25 Wnk3 shows high expression in human kidney, in kidney carcinoma cell lines, in prostate, prostate cell lines, and prostate tumor bone metastases, in colorectal tissue and tumor cell lines, and in human leukemia cells. Therefore wnk3 may be involved in the normal homeostasis and functioning of the human kidney, prostate, and digestive system, and may be involved in tumorigenesis which arises from these three tissues. High expression in human 30 leukemia cell lines indicates a possible role in the development of that disease as well.

*THERAPEUTIC METHODS ACCORDING TO THE INVENTION:***Diagnostics:**

5 The invention provides methods for detecting a polypeptide in a sample as a diagnostic tool for diseases or disorders, wherein the method comprises the steps of: (a) contacting the sample with a nucleic acid probe which hybridizes under hybridization assay conditions to a nucleic acid target region of a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:58,

10 SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO:64, SEQ ID NO:65, SEQ ID NO:66, SEQ ID NO:67, SEQ ID NO:68, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:71, SEQ ID NO:72, SEQ ID NO:73, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:78, SEQ ID NO:79, SEQ ID NO:80, SEQ ID NO:81, SEQ ID NO:82, SEQ ID NO:83, SEQ ID NO:84, SEQ ID NO:85, SEQ ID NO:86, SEQ ID NO:87, SEQ ID NO:88, SEQ ID NO:89, SEQ ID NO:90, SEQ ID NO:91, SEQ ID NO:92, SEQ ID NO:93, SEQ ID NO:94, SEQ ID NO:95, SEQ ID NO:96, SEQ ID NO:97, SEQ ID NO:98, SEQ ID NO:99, SEQ ID NO:100, SEQ ID NO:101, SEQ ID NO:102, SEQ ID NO:103, SEQ ID NO:104, SEQ ID NO:105, SEQ ID NO:106, SEQ ID NO:107, SEQ ID NO:108, SEQ ID NO:109, SEQ ID NO:110, SEQ ID NO:111, SEQ ID NO:112, SEQ ID NO:113, and SEQ ID NO:114, said probe comprising the nucleic acid sequence encoding the polypeptide, fragments thereof, and the complements of the sequences and fragments; and (b) detecting the presence or amount of the probe:target region hybrid as an indication of the disease.

In preferred embodiments of the invention, the disease or disorder is selected from the group consisting of rheumatoid arthritis, atherosclerosis, autoimmune disorders, organ transplantation, myocardial infarction, cardiomyopathies, stroke, renal failure, oxidative stress-related neurodegenerative disorders, metabolic disorder including diabetes, reproductive disorders including infertility, and cancer.

Hybridization conditions should be such that hybridization occurs only with the genes in the presence of other nucleic acid molecules. Under stringent hybridization conditions only 30 highly complementary nucleic acid sequences hybridize. Preferably, such conditions prevent hybridization of nucleic acids having 1 or 2 mismatches out of 20 contiguous nucleotides. Such conditions are defined supra.

The diseases for which detection of genes in a sample could be diagnostic include diseases in which nucleic acid (DNA and/or RNA) is amplified in comparison to normal cells. By "amplification" is meant increased numbers of DNA or RNA in a cell compared with normal cells.

5 "Amplification" as it refers to RNA can be the detectable presence of RNA in cells, since in some normal cells there is no basal expression of RNA. In other normal cells, a basal level of expression exists, therefore in these cases amplification is the detection of at least 1-2-fold, and preferably more, compared to the basal level.

10 The diseases that could be diagnosed by detection of nucleic acid in a sample preferably include cancers. The test samples suitable for nucleic acid probing methods of the present invention include, for example, cells or nucleic acid extracts of cells, or biological fluids. The samples used in the above-described methods will vary based on the assay format, the detection method and the nature of the tissues, cells or extracts to be assayed. Methods for preparing nucleic acid extracts of cells are well known in the art and can be readily adapted in order to 15 obtain a sample that is compatible with the method utilized.

Antibodies, Hybridomas, Methods of Use and Kits for Detection of Kinases

20 The present invention relates to an antibody having binding affinity to a kinase of the invention. The polypeptide may have the amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of those set forth in SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO: 64, SEQ ID NO: 65, SEQ ID NO: 66, SEQ ID NO: 67, SEQ ID NO: 68, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:71, SEQ ID NO:72, SEQ ID NO:73, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:78, SEQ ID NO:79, 25 SEQ ID NO:80, SEQ ID NO:81, SEQ ID NO:82, SEQ ID NO:83, SEQ ID NO:84, SEQ ID NO:85, SEQ ID NO:86, SEQ ID NO:87, SEQ ID NO:88, SEQ ID NO:89, SEQ ID NO:90, SEQ ID NO:91, SEQ ID NO:92, SEQ ID NO:93, SEQ ID NO:94, SEQ ID NO:95, SEQ ID NO:96, SEQ ID NO:97, SEQ ID NO:98, SEQ ID NO:99, SEQ ID NO:100, SEQ ID NO:101, SEQ ID NO:102, SEQ ID NO:103, SEQ ID NO:104, SEQ ID NO:105, SEQ ID NO:106, SEQ ID 30 NO:107, SEQ ID NO:108, SEQ ID NO:109, SEQ ID NO:110, SEQ ID NO:111, SEQ ID NO:112, SEQ ID NO:113, and SEQ ID NO:114, or a functional derivative thereof, or at least 9.

contiguous amino acids thereof (preferably, at least 20, 30, 35, or 40 contiguous amino acids thereof).

The present invention also relates to an antibody having specific binding affinity to a kinase of the invention. Such an antibody may be isolated by comparing its binding affinity to a kinase of the invention with its binding affinity to other polypeptides. Those which bind selectively to a kinase of the invention would be chosen for use in methods requiring a distinction between a kinase of the invention and other polypeptides. Such methods could include, but should not be limited to, the analysis of altered kinase expression in tissue containing other polypeptides.

10 The kinases of the present invention can be used in a variety of procedures and methods, such as for the generation of antibodies, for use in identifying pharmaceutical compositions, and for studying DNA/protein interaction.

15 The kinases of the present invention can be used to produce antibodies or hybridomas. One skilled in the art will recognize that if an antibody is desired, such a peptide could be generated as described herein and used as an immunogen. The antibodies of the present invention include monoclonal and polyclonal antibodies, as well fragments of these antibodies, and humanized forms. Humanized forms of the antibodies of the present invention may be generated using one of the procedures known in the art such as chimerization or CDR grafting.

20 The present invention also relates to a hybridoma which produces the above-described monoclonal antibody, or binding fragment thereof. A hybridoma is an immortalized cell line which is capable of secreting a specific monoclonal antibody.

25 In general, techniques for preparing monoclonal antibodies and hybridomas are well known in the art (Campbell, "Monoclonal Antibody Technology: Laboratory Techniques in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology," Elsevier Science Publishers, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 1984; St. Groth *et al.*, *J. Immunol. Methods* 35:1-21, 1980). Any animal (mouse, rabbit, and the like) which is known to produce antibodies can be immunized with the selected polypeptide. Methods for immunization are well known in the art. Such methods include subcutaneous or intraperitoneal injection of the polypeptide. One skilled in the art will recognize that the amount of polypeptide used for immunization will vary based on the animal which is 30 immunized, the antigenicity of the polypeptide and the site of injection.

The polypeptide may be modified or administered in an adjuvant in order to increase the peptide antigenicity. Methods of increasing the antigenicity of a polypeptide are well known in the art. Such procedures include coupling the antigen with a heterologous protein (such as globulin or β -galactosidase) or through the inclusion of an adjuvant during immunization.

5 For monoclonal antibodies, spleen cells from the immunized animals are removed, fused with myeloma cells, such as SP2/0-Agl4 myeloma cells, and allowed to become monoclonal antibody producing hybridoma cells. Any one of a number of methods well known in the art can be used to identify the hybridoma cell which produces an antibody with the desired characteristics. These include screening the hybridomas with an ELISA assay, western blot
10 analysis, or radioimmunoassay (Lutz *et al.*, *Exp. Cell Res.* 175:109-124, 1988). Hybridomas secreting the desired antibodies are cloned and the class and subclass are determined using procedures known in the art (Campbell, "Monoclonal Antibody Technology: Laboratory Techniques in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology", *supra*, 1984).

15 For polyclonal antibodies, antibody-containing antisera is isolated from the immunized animal and is screened for the presence of antibodies with the desired specificity using one of the above-described procedures. The above-described antibodies may be detectably labeled. Antibodies can be detectably labeled through the use of radioisotopes, affinity labels (such as biotin, avidin, and the like), enzymatic labels (such as horseradish peroxidase, alkaline phosphatase, and the like) fluorescent labels (such as FITC or rhodamine, and the like),
20 paramagnetic atoms, and the like. Procedures for accomplishing such labeling are well-known in the art, for example, see Stemberger *et al.*, *J. Histochem. Cytochem.* 18:315, 1970; Bayer *et al.*, *Meth. Enzym.* 62:308, 1979; Engval *et al.*, *Immunol.* 109:129, 1972; Goding, *J. Immunol. Meth.* 13:215, 1976. The labeled antibodies of the present invention can be used for *in vitro*, *in vivo*, and *in situ* assays to identify cells or tissues which express a specific peptide.

25 The above-described antibodies may also be immobilized on a solid support. Examples of such solid supports include plastics such as polycarbonate, complex carbohydrates such as agarose and sepharose, acrylic resins such as polyacrylamide and latex beads. Techniques for coupling antibodies to such solid supports are well known in the art (Weir *et al.*, "Handbook of Experimental Immunology" 4th Ed., Blackwell Scientific Publications, Oxford, England,
30 Chapter 10, 1986; Jacoby *et al.*, *Meth. Enzym.* 34, Academic Press, N.Y., 1974). The

immobilized antibodies of the present invention can be used for *in vitro*, *in vivo*, and *in situ* assays as well as in immunochromotography.

Furthermore, one skilled in the art can readily adapt currently available procedures, as well as the techniques, methods and kits disclosed herein with regard to antibodies, to generate peptides capable of binding to a specific peptide sequence in order to generate rationally designed antipeptide peptides (Hurby *et al.*, "Application of Synthetic Peptides: Antisense Peptides", In Synthetic Peptides, A User's Guide, W.H. Freeman, NY, pp. 289-307, 1992; Kaspczak *et al.*, *Biochemistry* 28:9230-9238, 1989).

Anti-peptide peptides can be generated by replacing the basic amino acid residues found in the peptide sequences of the kinases of the invention with acidic residues, while maintaining hydrophobic and uncharged polar groups. For example, lysine, arginine, and/or histidine residues are replaced with aspartic acid or glutamic acid and glutamic acid residues are replaced by lysine, arginine or histidine.

The present invention also encompasses a method of detecting a kinase polypeptide in a sample, comprising: (a) contacting the sample with an above-described antibody, under conditions such that immunocomplexes form, and (b) detecting the presence of said antibody bound to the polypeptide. In detail, the methods comprise incubating a test sample with one or more of the antibodies of the present invention and assaying whether the antibody binds to the test sample. Altered levels of a kinase of the invention in a sample as compared to normal levels may indicate disease.

Conditions for incubating an antibody with a test sample vary. Incubation conditions depend on the format employed in the assay, the detection methods employed, and the type and nature of the antibody used in the assay. One skilled in the art will recognize that any one of the commonly available immunological assay formats (such as radioimmunoassays, enzyme-linked immunosorbent assays, diffusion-based Ouchterlony, or rocket immunofluorescent assays) can readily be adapted to employ the antibodies of the present invention. Examples of such assays can be found in Chard ("An Introduction to Radioimmunoassay and Related Techniques" Elsevier Science Publishers, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 1986), Bullock *et al.* ("Techniques in Immunocytochemistry," Academic Press, Orlando, FL Vol. 1, 1982; Vol. 2, 1983; Vol. 3, 1985), Tijssen ("Practice and Theory of Enzyme Immunoassays: Laboratory Techniques in

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology," Elsevier Science Publishers, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 1985).

The immunological assay test samples of the present invention include cells, protein or membrane extracts of cells, or biological fluids such as blood, serum, plasma, or urine. The test samples used in the above-described method will vary based on the assay format, nature of the detection method and the tissues, cells or extracts used as the sample to be assayed. Methods for preparing protein extracts or membrane extracts of cells are well known in the art and can readily be adapted in order to obtain a sample which is testable with the system utilized.

A kit contains all the necessary reagents to carry out the previously described methods of detection. The kit may comprise: (i) a first container means containing an above-described antibody, and (ii) second container means containing a conjugate comprising a binding partner of the antibody and a label. In another preferred embodiment, the kit further comprises one or more other containers comprising one or more of the following: wash reagents and reagents capable of detecting the presence of bound antibodies.

Examples of detection reagents include, but are not limited to, labeled secondary antibodies, or in the alternative, if the primary antibody is labeled, the chromophoric, enzymatic, or antibody binding reagents which are capable of reacting with the labeled antibody. The compartmentalized kit may be as described above for nucleic acid probe kits. One skilled in the art will readily recognize that the antibodies described in the present invention can readily be incorporated into one of the established kit formats which are well known in the art.

Isolation of Compounds Capable of Interacting with Kinases

The present invention also relates to a method of detecting a compound capable of binding to a kinase of the invention comprising incubating the compound with a kinase of the invention and detecting the presence of the compound bound to the kinase. The compound may be present within a complex mixture, for example, serum, body fluid, or cell extracts.

The present invention also relates to a method of detecting an agonist or antagonist of kinase activity or kinase binding partner activity comprising incubating cells that produce a kinase of the invention in the presence of a compound and detecting changes in the level of kinase activity or kinase binding partner activity. The compounds thus identified would produce

a change in activity indicative of the presence of the compound. The compound may be present within a complex mixture, for example, serum, body fluid, or cell extracts. Once the compound is identified it can be isolated using techniques well known in the art.

5 Modulating polypeptide activity:

The invention additionally provides methods for treating a disease or abnormal condition by administering to a patient in need of such treatment a substance that modulates the activity of a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID

10 NO:60, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO: 64, SEQ ID NO: 65, SEQ ID NO: 66, SEQ ID NO: 67, SEQ ID NO: 68, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:71, SEQ ID NO:72, SEQ ID NO:73, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:78, SEQ ID NO:79, SEQ ID NO:80, SEQ ID NO:81, SEQ ID NO:82, SEQ ID NO:83, SEQ ID NO:84, SEQ ID NO:85, SEQ ID NO:86, SEQ ID NO:87, SEQ ID NO:88, 15 SEQ ID NO:89, SEQ ID NO:90, SEQ ID NO:91, SEQ ID NO:92, SEQ ID NO:93, SEQ ID NO:94, SEQ ID NO:95, SEQ ID NO:96, SEQ ID NO:97, SEQ ID NO:98, SEQ ID NO:99, SEQ ID NO:100, SEQ ID NO:101, SEQ ID NO:102, SEQ ID NO:103, SEQ ID NO:104, SEQ ID NO:105, SEQ ID NO:106, SEQ ID NO:107, SEQ ID NO:108, SEQ ID NO:109, SEQ ID NO:110, SEQ ID NO:111, SEQ ID NO:112, SEQ ID NO:113, and SEQ ID NO:114. Preferably, 20 the disease is selected from the group consisting of rheumatoid arthritis, atherosclerosis, autoimmune disorders, organ transplantation, myocardial infarction, cardiomyopathies, stroke, renal failure, oxidative stress-related neurodegenerative disorders, metabolic and reproductive disorders, and cancer.

Substances useful for treatment of disorders or diseases preferably show positive results 25 in one or more assays for an activity corresponding to treatment of the disease or disorder in question. Substances that modulate the activity of the polypeptides preferably include, but are not limited to, antisense oligonucleotides and inhibitors of protein kinases.

The term "preventing" refers to decreasing the probability that an organism contracts or develops an abnormal condition.

The term "treating" refers to having a therapeutic effect and at least partially alleviating or abrogating an abnormal condition in the organism.

The term "therapeutic effect" refers to the inhibition or activation factors causing or contributing to the abnormal condition. A therapeutic effect relieves to some extent one or more of the symptoms of the abnormal condition. In reference to the treatment of abnormal conditions, a therapeutic effect can refer to one or more of the following: (a) an increase in the proliferation, growth, and/or differentiation of cells; (b) inhibition (, slowing or stopping) of cell death; (c) inhibition of degeneration; (d) relieving to some extent one or more of the symptoms associated with the abnormal condition; and (e) enhancing the function of the affected population of cells. Compounds demonstrating efficacy against abnormal conditions can be identified as described herein.

The term "abnormal condition" refers to a function in the cells or tissues of an organism that deviates from their normal functions in that organism. An abnormal condition can relate to cell proliferation, cell differentiation or cell survival. An abnormal condition may also include irregularities in cell cycle progression, i.e., irregularities in normal cell cycle progression through mitosis and meiosis.

Abnormal cell proliferative conditions include cancers such as fibrotic and mesangial disorders, abnormal angiogenesis and vasculogenesis, wound healing, psoriasis, diabetes mellitus, and inflammation.

Abnormal differentiation conditions include, but are not limited to, neurodegenerative disorders, slow wound healing rates, and slow tissue grafting healing rates.

Abnormal cell survival conditions may also relate to conditions in which programmed cell death (apoptosis) pathways are activated or abrogated. A number of protein kinases are associated with the apoptosis pathways. Aberrations in the function of any one of the protein kinases could lead to cell immortality or premature cell death.

The term "aberration", in conjunction with the function of a kinase in a signal transduction process, refers to a kinase that is over- or under-expressed in an organism, mutated such that its catalytic activity is lower or higher than wild-type protein kinase activity, mutated such that it can no longer interact with a natural binding partner, is no longer modified by

another protein kinase or protein phosphatase, or no longer interacts with a natural binding partner.

The term "administering" relates to a method of incorporating a compound into cells or tissues of an organism. The abnormal condition can be prevented or treated when the cells or tissues of the organism exist within the organism or outside of the organism. Cells existing outside the organism can be maintained or grown in cell culture dishes. For cells harbored within the organism, many techniques exist in the art to administer compounds, including (but not limited to) oral, parenteral, dermal, injection, and aerosol applications. For cells outside of the organism, multiple techniques exist in the art to administer the compounds, including (but not limited to) cell microinjection techniques, transformation techniques and carrier techniques.

The abnormal condition can also be prevented or treated by administering a compound to a group of cells having an aberration in a signal transduction pathway to an organism. The effect of administering a compound on organism function can then be monitored. The organism is preferably a mouse, rat, rabbit, guinea pig or goat, more preferably a monkey or ape, and most preferably a human.

The present invention also encompasses a method of agonizing (stimulating) or antagonizing kinase associated activity in a mammal comprising administering to said mammal an agonist or antagonist to a kinase of the invention in an amount sufficient to effect said agonism or antagonism. A method of treating diseases in a mammal with an agonist or antagonist of the activity of one of the kinases of the invention comprising administering the agonist or antagonist to a mammal in an amount sufficient to agonize or antagonize kinase-associated functions is also encompassed in the present application.

In an effort to discover novel treatments for diseases, biomedical researchers and chemists have designed, synthesized, and tested molecules that inhibit the function of protein kinases. Some small organic molecules form a class of compounds that modulate the function of protein kinases. Examples of molecules that have been reported to inhibit the function of protein kinases include, but are not limited to, bis monocyclic, bicyclic or heterocyclic aryl compounds (PCT WO 92/20642, published November 26, 1992 by Maguire *et al.*), vinylene-azaindole derivatives (PCT WO 94/14808, published July 7, 1994 by Ballinari *et al.*), 1-cyclopropyl-4-pyridyl-quinolones (U.S. Patent No. 5,330,992), styryl compounds (U.S. Patent No. 5,217,999),

styryl-substituted pyridyl compounds (U.S. Patent No. 5,302,606), certain quinazoline derivatives (EP Application No. 0 566 266 A1), seleoindoles and selenides (PCT WO 94/03427, published February 17, 1994 by Denny *et al.*), tricyclic polyhydroxylic compounds (PCT WO 92/21660, published December 10, 1992 by Dow), and benzylphosphonic acid compounds (PCT

5 WO 91/15495, published October 17, 1991 by Dow *et al.*).

Compounds that can traverse cell membranes and are resistant to acid hydrolysis are potentially advantageous as therapeutics as they can become highly bioavailable after being administered orally to patients. However, many of these protein kinase inhibitors only weakly inhibit the function of protein kinases. In addition, many inhibit a variety of protein kinases and
10 will therefore cause multiple side-effects as therapeutics for diseases.

Some indolinone compounds, however, form classes of acid resistant and membrane permeable organic molecules. WO 96/22976 (published August 1, 1996 by Ballinari *et al.*) describes hydrosoluble indolinone compounds that harbor tetralin, naphthalene, quinoline, and indole substituents fused to the oxindole ring. These bicyclic substituents are in turn substituted
15 with polar moieties including hydroxylated alkyl, phosphate, and ether moieties. U.S. Patent Application Serial Nos. 08/702,232, filed August 23, 1996, entitled "Indolinone Combinatorial Libraries and Related Products and Methods for the Treatment of Disease" by Tang *et al.* (Lyon & Lyon Docket No. 221/187) and 08/485,323, filed June 7, 1995, entitled "Benzylidene-Z-
Indoline Compounds for the Treatment of Disease" by Tang *et al.* (Lyon & Lyon Docket No.
20 223/298) and International Patent Publications WO 96/40116, published December 19, 1996 by Tang, *et al.*, and WO 96/22976, published August 1, 1996 by Ballinari *et al.*, all of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety, including any drawings, figures, or tables,
describe indolinone chemical libraries of indolinone compounds harboring other bicyclic
moieties as well as monocyclic moieties fused to the oxindole ring. Applications 08/702,232,
25 filed August 23, 1996, entitled "Indolinone Combinatorial Libraries and Related Products and Methods for the Treatment of Disease" by Tang *et al.* (Lyon & Lyon Docket No. 221/187), 08/485,323, filed June 7, 1995, entitled "Benzylidene-Z-Indoline Compounds for the Treatment of Disease" by Tang *et al.* (Lyon & Lyon Docket No. 223/298), and WO 96/22976, published August 1, 1996 by Ballinari *et al.* teach methods of indolinone synthesis, methods of testing the

biological activity of indolinone compounds in cells, and inhibition patterns of indolinone derivatives.

Other examples of substances capable of modulating kinase activity include, but are not limited to, tyrphostins, quinazolines, quinoxolines, and quinolines. The quinazolines, 5 tyrphostins, quinolines, and quinoxolines referred to above include well known compounds such as those described in the literature. For example, representative publications describing quinazolines include Barker *et al.*, EPO Publication No. 0 520 722 A1; Jones *et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 4,447,608; Kabbe *et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 4,757,072; Kaul and Vougioukas, U.S. Patent No. 5,316,553; Kreighbaum and Comer, U.S. Patent No. 4,343,940; Pegg and Wardleworth, EPO 10 Publication No. 0 562 734 A1; Barker *et al.*, (1991) *Proc. of Am. Assoc. for Cancer Research* 32:327; Bertino, J.R., (1979) *Cancer Research* 3:293-304; Bertino, J.R., (1979) *Cancer Research* 9(2 part 1):293-304; Curtin *et al.*, (1986) *Br. J. Cancer* 53:361-368; Fernandes *et al.*, (1983) *Cancer Research* 43:1117-1123 ; Ferris *et al.* *J. Org. Chem.* 44(2):173-178; Fry *et al.*, (1994) *Science* 265:1093-1095; Jackman *et al.*, (1981) *Cancer Research* 51:5579-5586; Jones *et al.* *J. 15 Med. Chem.* 29(6):1114-1118; Lee and Skibo, (1987) *Biochemistry* 26(23):7355-7362; Lemus *et al.*, (1989) *J. Org. Chem.* 54:3511-3518; Ley and Seng, (1975) *Synthesis* 1975:415-522; Maxwell *et al.*, (1991) *Magnetic Resonance in Medicine* 17:189-196 ; Mini *et al.*, (1985) *Cancer Research* 45:325-330; Phillips and Castle, J. (1980) *Heterocyclic Chem.* 17(19):1489-1596; Reece *et al.*, (1977) *Cancer Research* 47(11):2996-2999; Sculier *et al.*, (1986) *Cancer Immunol. 20 and Immunother.* 23, A65; Sikora *et al.*, (1984) *Cancer Letters* 23:289-295; Sikora *et al.*, (1988) *Analytical Biochem.* 172:344-355; all of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety, including any drawings.

Quinoxaline is described in Kaul and Vougioukas, U.S. Patent No. 5,316,553, incorporated herein by reference in its entirety, including any drawings.

25 Quinolines are described in Dolle *et al.*, (1994) *J. Med. Chem.* 37:2627-2629; McGuire, J. (1994) *Med. Chem.* 37:2129-2131; Burke *et al.*, (1993) *J. Med. Chem.* 36:425-432 ; and Burke *et al.* (1992) *BioOrganic Med. Chem. Letters* 2:1771-1774, all of which are incorporated by reference in their entirety, including any drawings.

Tyrphostins are described in Allen *et al.*, (1993) *Clin. Exp. Immunol.* 91:141-156; Anafi *et al.*, (1993) *Blood* 82:12, 3524-3529; Baker *et al.*, (1992) *J. Cell Sci.* 102:543-555; Bilder *et al.*,

(1991) *Amer. Physiol. Soc.* pp. 6363-6143:C721-C730; Brunton *et al.*, (1992) *Proceedings of Amer. Assoc. Cancer Resch.* 33:558; Bryckaert *et al.*, (1992) *Exp. Cell Research* 199:255-261; Dong *et al.*, (1993) *J. Leukocyte Biology* 53:53-60; Dong *et al.*, (1993) *J. Immunol.* 151(5):2717-2724; Gazit *et al.*, (1989) *J. Med. Chem.* 32, 2344-2352; Gazit *et al.*, (1993) *J. Med. Chem.* 36:3556-3564; Kaur *et al.*, (1994) *Anti-Cancer Drugs* 5:213-222; King *et al.*, (1991) *Biochem. J.* 275:413-418; Kuo *et al.*, (1993) *Cancer Letters* 74:197-202; Levitzki, A., (1992) *The FASEB J.* 6:3275-3282; Lyall *et al.*, (1989) *J. Biol. Chem.* 264:14503-14509; Peterson *et al.*, (1993) *The Prostate* 22:335-345; Pillemer *et al.*, (1992) *Int. J. Cancer* 50:80-85; Posner *et al.*, (1993) *Molecular Pharmacology* 45:673-683; Rendu *et al.*, (1992) *Biol. Pharmacology* 44(5):881-888; Sauro and Thomas, (1993) *Life Sciences* 53:371-376; Sauro and Thomas, (1993) *J. Pharm. and Experimental Therapeutics* 267(3):119-1125; Wolbring *et al.*, (1994) *J. Biol. Chem.* 269(36):22470-22472; and Yoneda *et al.*, (1991) *Cancer Research* 51:4430-4435; all of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety, including any drawings.

Other compounds that could be used as modulators include oxindolinones such as those described in U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/702,232 filed August 23, 1996, incorporated herein by reference in its entirety, including any drawings.

RECOMBINANT DNA TECHNOLOGY:

20 DNA Constructs Comprising a Kinase Nucleic Acid Molecule and Cells Containing These Constructs:

The present invention also relates to a recombinant DNA molecule comprising, 5' to 3', a promoter effective to initiate transcription in a host cell and the above-described nucleic acid molecules. In addition, the present invention relates to a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a vector and an above-described nucleic acid molecule. The present invention also relates to a nucleic acid molecule comprising a transcriptional region functional in a cell, a sequence complementary to an RNA sequence encoding an amino acid sequence corresponding to the above-described polypeptide, and a transcriptional termination region functional in said cell. 30 The above-described molecules may be isolated and/or purified DNA molecules.

The present invention also relates to a cell or organism that contains an above-described nucleic acid molecule and thereby is capable of expressing a polypeptide. The polypeptide may be purified from cells which have been altered to express the polypeptide. A cell is said to be "altered to express a desired polypeptide" when the cell, through genetic manipulation, is made 5 to produce a protein which it normally does not produce or which the cell normally produces at lower levels. One skilled in the art can readily adapt procedures for introducing and expressing either genomic, cDNA, or synthetic sequences into either eukaryotic or prokaryotic cells.

A nucleic acid molecule, such as DNA, is said to be "capable of expressing" a polypeptide if it contains nucleotide sequences which contain transcriptional and translational 10 regulatory information and such sequences are "operably linked" to nucleotide sequences which encode the polypeptide. An operable linkage is a linkage in which the regulatory DNA sequences and the DNA sequence sought to be expressed are connected in such a way as to permit gene sequence expression. The precise nature of the regulatory regions needed for gene sequence expression may vary from organism to organism, but shall in general include a 15 promoter region which, in prokaryotes, contains both the promoter (which directs the initiation of RNA transcription) as well as the DNA sequences which, when transcribed into RNA, will signal synthesis initiation. Such regions will normally include those 5'-non-coding sequences involved with initiation of transcription and translation, such as the TATA box, capping sequence, CAAT sequence, and the like.

If desired, the non-coding region 3' to the sequence encoding a kinase of the invention 20 may be obtained by the above-described methods. This region may be retained for its transcriptional termination regulatory sequences, such as termination and polyadenylation. Thus, by retaining the 3'-region naturally contiguous to the DNA sequence encoding a kinase of the invention, the transcriptional termination signals may be provided. Where the transcriptional 25 termination signals are not satisfactorily functional in the expression host cell, then a 3' region functional in the host cell may be substituted.

Two DNA sequences (such as a promoter region sequence and a sequence encoding a kinase of the invention) are said to be operably linked if the nature of the linkage between the two DNA sequences does not (1) result in the introduction of a frame-shift mutation, (2) interfere 30 with the ability of the promoter region sequence to direct the transcription of a gene sequence

encoding a kinase of the invention, or (3) interfere with the ability of the gene sequence of a kinase of the invention to be transcribed by the promoter region sequence. Thus, a promoter region would be operably linked to a DNA sequence if the promoter were capable of effecting transcription of that DNA sequence. Thus, to express a gene encoding a kinase of the invention, 5 transcriptional and translational signals recognized by an appropriate host are necessary.

The present invention encompasses the expression of a gene encoding a kinase of the invention (or a functional derivative thereof) in either prokaryotic or eukaryotic cells.

Prokaryotic hosts are, generally, very efficient and convenient for the production of recombinant proteins and are, therefore, one type of preferred expression system for kinases of the invention.

10 Prokaryotes most frequently are represented by various strains of *E. coli*. However, other microbial strains may also be used, including other bacterial strains.

In prokaryotic systems, plasmid vectors that contain replication sites and control sequences derived from a species compatible with the host may be used. Examples of suitable plasmid vectors may include pBR322, pUC118, pUC119 and the like; suitable phage or 15 bacteriophage vectors may include λgt10, λgt11 and the like; and suitable virus vectors may include pMAM-neo, pKRC and the like. Preferably, the selected vector of the present invention includes the capacity to replicate in the selected host cell.

Recognized prokaryotic hosts include bacteria such as *E. coli*, *Bacillus*, *Streptomyces*, *Pseudomonas*, *Salmonella*, *Serratia*, and the like. However, under such conditions, the 20 polypeptide will not be glycosylated. The prokaryotic host must be compatible with the replicon and control sequences in the expression plasmid.

To express a kinase of the invention (or a functional derivative thereof) in a prokaryotic cell, it is necessary to operably link the sequence encoding the kinase of the invention to a functional prokaryotic promoter. Such promoters may be either constitutive or, more preferably, 25 regulatable (*i.e.*, inducible or derepressible). Examples of constitutive promoters include the *int* promoter of bacteriophage λ, the *bla* promoter of the β-lactamase gene sequence of pBR322, and the *cat* promoter of the chloramphenicol acetyl transferase gene sequence of pPR325, and the like. Examples of inducible prokaryotic promoters include the major right and left promoters of bacteriophage λ (P_L and P_R), the *trp*, $\lambda recA$, *acZ*, λacI , and *gal* promoters of *E. coli*, the α - 30 amylase (Ulmanen *et al.*, *J. Bacteriol.* 162:176-182, 1985) and the ζ -28-specific promoters of *B.*

subtilis (Gilman *et al.*, *Gene Sequence* 32:11-20, 1984), the promoters of the bacteriophages of *Bacillus* (Gryczan, in: *The Molecular Biology of the Bacilli*, Academic Press, Inc., NY, 1982), and *Streptomyces* promoters (Ward *et al.*, *Mol. Gen. Genet.* 203:468-478, 1986). Prokaryotic promoters are reviewed by Glick (*Ind. Microbiol.* 1:277-282, 1987), Cenatiempo (*Biochimie* 68:505-516, 1986), and Gottesman (*Ann. Rev. Genet.* 18:415-442, 1984).

Proper expression in a prokaryotic cell also requires the presence of a ribosome-binding site upstream of the gene sequence-encoding sequence. Such ribosome-binding sites are disclosed, for example, by Gold *et al.* (*Ann. Rev. Microbiol.* 35:365-404, 1981). The selection of control sequences, expression vectors, transformation methods, and the like, are dependent on the type of host cell used to express the gene. As used herein, "cell", "cell line", and "cell culture" may be used interchangeably and all such designations include progeny. Thus, the words "transformants" or "transformed cells" include the primary subject cell and cultures derived therefrom, without regard to the number of transfers. It is also understood that all progeny may not be precisely identical in DNA content, due to deliberate or inadvertent mutations. However, as defined, mutant progeny have the same functionality as that of the originally transformed cell.

Host cells which may be used in the expression systems of the present invention are not strictly limited, provided that they are suitable for use in the expression of the kinase polypeptide of interest. Suitable hosts may often include eukaryotic cells. Preferred eukaryotic hosts include, for example, yeast, fungi, insect cells, mammalian cells either *in vivo*, or in tissue culture. Mammalian cells which may be useful as hosts include HeLa cells, cells of fibroblast origin such as VERO or CHO-K1, or cells of lymphoid origin and their derivatives. Preferred mammalian host cells include SP2/0 and J558L, as well as neuroblastoma cell lines such as IMR 332, which may provide better capacities for correct post-translational processing.

In addition, plant cells are also available as hosts, and control sequences compatible with plant cells are available, such as the cauliflower mosaic virus 35S and 19S, and nopaline synthase promoter and polyadenylation signal sequences. Another preferred host is an insect cell, for example the *Drosophila* larvae. Using insect cells as hosts, the *Drosophila* alcohol dehydrogenase promoter can be used (Rubin, *Science* 240:1453-1459, 1988). Alternatively, baculovirus vectors can be engineered to express large amounts of kinases of the invention in

insect cells (Jasny, *Science* 238:1653, 1987; Miller *et al.*, in: *Genetic Engineering*, Vol. 8, Plenum, Setlow *et al.*, eds., pp. 277-297, 1986).

Any of a series of yeast expression systems can be utilized which incorporate promoter and termination elements from the actively expressed sequences coding for glycolytic enzymes that are produced in large quantities when yeast are grown in mediums rich in glucose. Known glycolytic gene sequences can also provide very efficient transcriptional control signals. Yeast provides substantial advantages in that it can also carry out post-translational modifications. A number of recombinant DNA strategies exist utilizing strong promoter sequences and high copy number plasmids which can be utilized for production of the desired proteins in yeast. Yeast recognizes leader sequences on cloned mammalian genes and secretes peptides bearing leader sequences (*i.e.*, pre-peptides). Several possible vector systems are available for the expression of kinases of the invention in a mammalian host.

A wide variety of transcriptional and translational regulatory sequences may be employed, depending upon the nature of the host. The transcriptional and translational regulatory signals may be derived from viral sources, such as adenovirus, bovine papilloma virus, cytomegalovirus, simian virus, or the like, where the regulatory signals are associated with a particular gene sequence which has a high level of expression. Alternatively, promoters from mammalian expression products, such as actin, collagen, myosin, and the like, may be employed. Transcriptional initiation regulatory signals may be selected which allow for repression or activation, so that expression of the gene sequences can be modulated. Of interest are regulatory signals which are temperature-sensitive so that by varying the temperature, expression can be repressed or initiated, or are subject to chemical (such as metabolite) regulation.

Expression of kinases of the invention in eukaryotic hosts requires the use of eukaryotic regulatory regions. Such regions will, in general, include a promoter region sufficient to direct the initiation of RNA synthesis. Preferred eukaryotic promoters include, for example, the promoter of the mouse metallothionein I gene sequence (Hamer *et al.*, *J. Mol. Appl. Gen.* 1:273-288, 1982); the TK promoter of Herpes virus (McKnight, *Cell* 31:355-365, 1982); the SV40 early promoter (Benoist *et al.*, *Nature* (London) 290:304-31, 1981); and the yeast gal4 gene sequence promoter (Johnston *et al.*, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. (USA)* 79:6971-6975, 1982; Silver *et al.*, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. (USA)* 81:5951-5955, 1984).